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1865

By virtue of the power vested in me by a special act of the Sixteenth General Congress of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity as its worthy Grand Chief the following certificate is issued to Brother

Chapter in recognition of the fact that he was duly initiated and is now an active Member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.
Given under my hand and the Grand Seal of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity this the _____ day of _____

Chas. H. Haysworth

Fourth General Grand

Chief of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity

(Cut of Alumni Certificate. (The original is 14x16, on parchment).

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THE SEVENTEENTH BIENNIAL CONGRESS.

Again Congress draws near, this time in a city where Congress has never been held before, and where, as a matter of fact, an Alpha Tau was scarcely to be found a few years since. But now the Northeast as well as the South knows the fraternity, and the five chapters of New England with the assistance of the Boston Alumni Association and the Harvard Club, will demonstrate that in Massachusetts, as in Louisiana, Ohio, Washington, Tennessee and Georgia, Alpha Tau Omega is ever the same.

The seventeenth Biennial Congress will be held at the Brunswick Hotel in Boston on December 26th, 27th and 28th, 1900, being Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the last week of the year and of the century. The place of meeting is not central, in fact, is a long way from the center of our fraternity territory, but a larger attendance than ever before is fully assured, and, in every respect, the Congress will be a splendid demonstration of the prosperous condition of the fraternity.

It is no easy matter to make arrangements for such an event. Many details must be left until the last moment, and then, with a full knowledge of the situation, can best receive proper attention. It is impossible, therefore, to announce at the present time all of the events of Congress week, and it must not be thought that our Boston brothers have been idle, or that their committees have not been attentive to their duties because this is so. As a matter of fact, they have been planning faithfully since the last Congress accepted their invitation, and so far as possible, their work has been well done, and they will be ready for their visitors when the time comes.

As will be seen from the letter of the Boston Alumni Association in this number, visiting brothers are sure of a welcome on their arrival. Branch headquarters have been opened for this very purpose at the Hotel Essex opposite the South Union Station, and a committee will meet all trains there.

In their preparation for Congress, the Boston brothers have found they could do no better than turn back to the excellent plans which were so splendidly carried out at New Orleans, and they have mapped out the following program, which is, in a general way, the same as that of 1898.

December 25th, 1900. Informal reception in the evening at Brunswick Hotel.

December 26th, 1900. 10 a. m. Opening session of Congress. Evening, smoker.

December 27th, 1900. Second session of Congress. Afternoon, public exercises. Evening, ball.

December 28th, 1900. Third session of Congress. Afternoon, closing exercises and good of the order. Evening, banquet.

December 29th, 1900. Sight-seeing.

A more detailed program is to be mailed to the chapters, and it is especially to be noted that the Congress Banquet is part of the official program, which must be attended by the delegates, who should be so instructed.

Of course Boston atmosphere is not that of the South, and there will be ample local coloring to distinguish the Seventeenth from the Sixteenth Congress; but that coloring is not to be conveyed in this article, even if it were possible to express it, but is to be personally experienced in the great Eastern city. In some respects, the Boston brothers have exceptional advantages for entertainment. A large proportion of the delegates have never been there, and almost every foot of the city is historical. Every brother will want to see the famous Monument, the Common, King's Chapel, Faneuil Hall, Old North Church, Paul Revere's House, Old South Church, the Old State House, in fact, the catalogue is far too long for recital here. Nor is Boston

devoid of modern features of great interest; far from it. The Public Library is a marvel of beauty, and the Art Museum, Phillips Brooks Church and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are all near at hand, and the Subway is the pride of all Boston hearts, and a wonderful feat of engineering skill, which has greatly relieved the narrow, congested streets, and there are also the splendid modern office buildings of many stories, and the famous hotels. In addition, it is only a short ride to Cambridge and Harvard University, with its interesting historical and literary atmosphere, while Salem, Lexington and Concord are in the immediate vicinity. A visit there is indeed an inspiration to patriotism such as can be found nowhere else, and the delegate who is sent to Boston for the first time is indeed fortunate, not only because he will participate in a great fraternity demonstration, meeting the officers and representatives of Alpha Tau Omega from all parts of the Union, but because he will become familiar with points of interest of which he has read and dreamed from his boyhood days. It is indeed a tempting journey, and it is to be hoped that many beside the delegate will be present from each chapter. No parent could give a son a better, more beneficial or more enjoyable holiday gift than such a trip.

Up to the present time, no detailed transportation arrangements have been made, but they will probably be completed soon, and it is to be hoped that large delegations will travel together from Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburg, Washington, Philadelphia, New York and other central points. Prompt information thereof will be furnished the chapters.

Let every brother who can possibly do so pack his grip and start for Boston, so as to arrive there by Christmas night or the early morning of Dec. 26th, 1900, at the latest. It is especially important to be present at the opening session, and brothers should lay their plans with this end in view.

The committee on arrangements, who are faithfully laboring to make Congress a success, is made up of the following brothers: F. G. Wren, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Tuft's College,

Chairman; M. S. Harlow, 77 Oliver St., Boston, Mass., Pres. of Boston Alumni Association; Roger H. Dennett, Waverly, Mass., Sec'y Boston Alumni Association; W. C. West, of Mass. Gamma Beta active chapter; Clyde B. Kenty, representing the Harvard Association.

The Committee of Arrangments is made up as follows: Bros. E. W. Danforth, Chas. F. Cottrell, Fred M. Randlett, F. S. Lunt and H. B. Kirtland.

Committee on Banquet: Bros. S. M. Timberlake, George Maguire, W. F. Lane, J. I. Tucker and B. O. Young.

We have not at hand a list of the members of the other committees, but the above-named brothers are prepared to answer fully all inquiries.



CHAPLAIN PAUL R. HICKOK.

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In this issue of the PALM we take great pleasure in placing before our readers a cut and brief sketch of one of our Alpha Taus who has already attained considerable prominence in various departments of activity.

Brother Hickok is not a stranger to the Alpha Tau Omega world, for he was one of the delegates at the Cleveland (Ohio) Congress in '96 and took a very prominent part in the proceedings of that meeting. He held the position of Worthy Grand Usher at the Cleveland Congress and served on several important committees at that time.

Brother Hickok belongs to a family of Alpha Taus, his father and brother Ralph both being enthusiastic members of our beloved brotherhood. Not only is this true, but his mother and sister Mary are Alpha Tau sisters of whom any chapter would feel exceedingly proud.

The subject of our sketch was born in Nebraska City, Nebraska, and lived in this state until 1890, during part of which time he was assistant state superintendent of the Junior Y. M. C. A. He prepared for college at Carthage, Missouri, and entered the Sophomore class at the University of Wooster, where he graduated in 1897.

While living in the west Brother Hickok was known as the "boy orator" and his name graced many a program. While at Wooster, he played center rush on the football team, held the principal character in the annual Shakespearean productions, won the inter-society declamation contest and the inter-society oratorical contest.

Our dear brother was initiated into the mysteries of Alpha Tau Omega in 1894 by our present Chairman of the High Council, Prof. E. J. Shives, of Pittsburg, Pa., who was visiting the Wooster chapter at that time. Brother Hickok always took a deep interest in his chapter and held almost every office in the gift of the chapter. During his active membership at Wooster

he saw to it that all the records and paraphernalia of the chapter were completed, perfected, and set in order.

After graduating at Wooster, he attended the Auburn (New York) Theological Seminary, where he graduated with honors in 1900. During his seminary course he was assistant librarian, and served as assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Wichita, Kansas, during his senior vacation of four months.

After graduating from the seminary he accepted a call to become assistant pastor of the Old Stone church of Cleveland, Ohio.

This church is the oldest, wealthiest and most influential church in the city of Cleveland.

Brother Hickok has already had military honors thrust upon his young shoulders. While at Wooster he was a member of Company "D" of the Eighth O. V. I., the "President's Own" and since he has gone to Cleveland he was appointed and commissioned Chaplain of the Fifth Infantry, Ohio National Guards.

On the 6th of September, 1900, our brother was married to Miss Mary Elliott, of Hopewell, Ohio, an Alpha Tau sister, who is also a graduate of the University of Wooster.

The Alpha Taus who were fortunate enough to be at the Cleveland Congress will with great pleasure remember Brother Hickok. He is bright, energetic, enthusiastic, of fine personal appearance and possessed of all the traits that go to make up a true gentleman. He expects to be at the Boston Congress and will no doubt take a prominent part in the proceedings there.

Brother Hickok's brother Ralph is also an Alpha Tau graduate from Wooster and was the chapter representative at the New Orleans Congress. He now holds the chair of Mathematics in the Presbyterian college at Hastings, Nebraska, a position held by his father twelve years ago.

Perhaps no family ever moved to Wooster, who were held in higher esteem by the Wooster Alpha Taus than the Hickoks. Their delightful home has at all times been thrown open to the Alpha Tau boys and girls of the university, and many a time the chapter hall has been beautified and made more comfortable

through the thoughtfulness and personal attention of Mrs. Hickok and her daughter Mary. Such a dense Alpha Tau atmosphere pervades and surrounds this ideal home that even the family dog recognizes the Alpha Tau whistle. By the way, Brother Paul Hickok inaugurated at the Cleveland Congress the movement that led to the adoption of the Alpha Tau whistle.

The PALM always rejoices in the successes of the sons of Alpha Tau Omega and in this issue sends best wishes to Paul, Ralph, Mary, and the good Doctor and wife.

The following condensed account of Bro. Hickok's wedding is from the Wooster *Daily Republican* of Sept. 7th, 1900:

Last evening at Hopewell parsonage, near Shreve, the Rev. John Calvin Elliott spoke forth the words that were to unite the life of his eldest daughter, Mary Elliott, to the Rev. Paul Robinson Hickok. Rev. Francis M. Hickok, father of the groom, assisted and the benediction was pronounced in unusual impressiveness by the Rev. Carl H. Elliott, of Lyons, Kansas, brother of the bride. Early the church was well filled and expressions of surprise and admiration were frequent as the arriving guests beheld with what unusual taste and adaptibility of resource the rather severe aspect of the church had been transformed. A beautiful bower of vines and ferns was most prominent.

Promptly at 3:30 the Theta quartette, consisting of college fraternity sisters of the bride, with Miss Grace Packer at the piano, began the tender strains of the Bridal Song from Lohengrin. The bride looked supremely happy and lovely in a gown of white crepe de chine.

There seemed to be a peculiar fitness in the familiar words, "Faithful and true, we lead thee forth," from those so near to the bride.

The bride was given away by her brother Mr. W. W. Elliott, of Cleveland. Little Miss Louise Beach, a very fair and graceful maiden of some seven summers, was flower girl. Prof. Ralph K. Hickok acted as groomsman; the bridesmaids were Misses Edith McWilliams, of Greensburg, Pa. and Miss Evaline Harrington, of Logan, O.; Varnum N. Elliott, of Hillsville, Pa.

and Paul P. Elliott, brothers of the bride and Misses Jean McWilliams, of Greensburg, Pa., and Mary Hickok, sister of the groom, of Wooster, O., acted as ushers.

The father of the groom, the Rev. Francis M. Hickok, in a few feeling words brought out the surrender of soul to soul, of the joy from sacrifice for love, of the sacredness and glory of the marriage relation. The Rev. John C. Elliott then spoke the uniting words. With characteristic manliness sounded the groom's "I do;" and the "I promise" of the bride was spoken with trembling lips. The ring ceremony was used. The Rev. Karl H. Elliott in loving benediction prayed that the Lord might bless and keep, that His face might shine, that peace might be given. The low chanting of the quartette, beautiful and sweet throughout the entire ceremony, now gave place to the vibrant, triumphant strains of Mendelssohn, and the joyous pair went forth united.

After the wedding ceremony a large number of the friends of the newly-married pair repaired to the parsonage close by. The natural gaiety of the occasion was heightened by the fact that the affair partook of the nature of a reunion to many old college friends and acquaintances. A very elegant and generous repast was served. The young couple were well and valuably remembered by their friends, the list of useful and beautiful articles being long. The bridal party took the 1:30 a. m. train for the east.

Paul Robinson Hickok, for three years active in every phase of Wooster's life, is just now entered upon a career that gives promise of great things. In Wooster Mr. Hickok was a fervent worker in the Presbyterian church, a conscientious member of Company D, a leader in the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and the first initiated member of the inter-fraternity Beta Delta Beta. As a student he was active in religious, social and athletic life. He was graduated from Wooster University in 1897. After three years' study and active work in Auburn Theological Seminary, he was called in June to the assistant pastorate of the Old Stone Church in Cleveland, in which place

he has already made for himself a field worthy his tireless energy. He is also chaplain of the Fifth Regiment O. N. G. by recent appointment, in which position he is sure to do great service for good.

Mrs. Mary Elliott Hickok entered Wooster University with the class of '98, entering from the Ladies Seminary, in Painsville. Her popularity in college goes to attest her ownership of the many qualities and traits constantly required in the position which she goes to occupy. She was a most beloved member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Society in college and a founder of the inter-fraternity Mu Alpha Phi.

NATIONAL SONG.

AT the Sixteenth Biennial Congress provision was made for a national fraternity song, and same follows here. Needless to say, it is to the same tune as 'My Country 'Tis of Thee,' familiar to every brother.

It is hoped that it will be learned in advance by every brother who attends Congress, so that it may be sung with good effect there, and it would be well if all will familiarize themselves with it as soon as possible.

Dear Alpha Tau, of thee,
Noblest fraternity,
We sing the praise.
Of sky-blue and old gold,
We wave thy banner bold;
Our love shall ne'er grow cold,
Through endless days.

To virtue, truth and love,
Our constancy we prove,
In loving thee.
Free from all honor's loss,
As loyal Alpha Taus,
We'll keep the Maltese Cross
Most sacredly.

Among the things we hold
More dear than purest gold
Is thy fair name.
For God and native land
All Alpha Taus shall stand,
A true devoted bond,
Ever the same.

ALPHA TAUS IN THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Members of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity took a prominent part in the great conference of the Southern Epworth League, held in Atlanta from July 25th, to July 29th, last. The Worthy Grand Scribe has kindly furnished the PALM with a copy of the beautiful and comprehensive souvenir book, published for the occasion.

On consulting the program contained in same, we find that among the speakers were Bro. W. J. Samford and Bro. George H. Lamar, both members of Ala. Alpha Epsilon chapter. The former delivered the response to the address of welcome and he strongly recommended heart and soul training of young people to keep pace with their intellectual development, and evidently recognized the importance of well poised character in men and women. Bro. Lamar later delivered an excellent address on "Reading and Self Culture in the League."

The souvenir book contains cuts and sketches of Bro. P. L. Cobb, of Tenn. Beta Pi, Bro. George H. Lamar, of Ala. Alpha Epsilon, and Bro. J. W. Perry, and we think these sketches of sufficient value and interest to preserve in the PALM, and they are as follows:

"Rev. P. L. Cobb was born on March 3, 1866, at St. Clair, Hawkins County, Tenn.; was educated at the University of Tennessee, where he received the A. B. degree in 1892; received the B. D. degree from the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University; taught in the public schools before going to college; was Chaplain of State Prison for three years; is now Secretary of the mission work of the young people of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Brother Cobb is an earnest and successful worker, with a wide and varied understanding of men and things; is warm-hearted, cheerful, enthusiastic and possesses rare gifts for his chosen work."

Brother Cobb is a very striking figure, is doing a great work and is destined to be a great divine. He is ably assisted

by Mrs. Cobb, and both are prominent workers in the Epworth League. The *Times Democrat* of Aug. 4th last says of him: "Mr. Cobb has at his fingers' ends the most approved suggestions of the church up to the present and is full of bright ideas of his own. The leaguers listen to him with the deepest attention and their notebooks and pencils preserve for future reference the wise hints he gives them."

The following is the souvenir book's sketch of Bro. Lamar, our Worthy Grand Scribe: "Hon. George H. Lamar, of Washington City, is thirty-two years of age, and was born and reared at Auburn, Lee County, Ala., where he graduated from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute with the degree of Bachelor of Science in June, 1887. In the fall of the same year he entered the Georgetown University Law School, in Washington, D. C., from which institution he took the degree of L. L. B., in 1889, and that of L.L.M. in 1890. He entered the practice of law at Washington in the spring of 1891, since which time he has concentrated his business energies on his chosen profession, and is now a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. For several years past he has represented the State of Louisiana in litigation there, and has won for the State several signal victories where important questions and large property interests were involved. He is one of the most prominent of the younger members of the Washington bar, and is honored and esteemed by all who know him. He belongs to the southern branch of the Lamar family, being a son of Dr. William H. Lamar, originally of Georgia. His mother was Ann M. Glenn, a daughter of Rev. John B. Glenn, who was one of the pioneer Methodist preachers, who went to Alabama from Georgia while the Indians were yet there. Brother Lamar has been identified with our church in and near Washington since his residence in the nation's capital. He is loyal and active in church and League. He is a member of the League Board of the Baltimore Conference, and its Corresponding Secretary. Brother Lamar is also a Mason and is entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge of Maryland by reason of his being the second officer in his local lodge."

Bro. J. W. Perry will be remembered by the delegates to the Richmond Congress in 1892 as the brother who extended the invitation to hold the Congress of 1894 in Nashville and won the honor for that city, in spite of strong rivalry. This sketch of him is presented in the souvenir book:

“Rev. J. W. Perry was born on February 8, 1866, in Scott County, Va., and spent his boyhood on his father’s mountain farm, attending the public schools in winter, and later, private schools. He was licensed to preach in September, 1883. In October, 1886, he was appointed to serve as a supply on the Erwin Mission, Holston Conference. In 1886, he entered Vanderbilt University at the opening of the fall term; graduated in the Academic Department, with the B. A. degree, in June, 1891, and remained one year in the Theological Department. In May, 1888, he was appointed by Gov. R. L. Taylor as Chaplain of the State Penitentiary, which position he held when he left college. At the close of his college life in June, 1892, Bishop Wilson appointed him Assistant City Missionary for Nashville, with Rev. G. W. Winn for senior. While in college he was for one year editor of *The Hustler*, the college weekly. In October, 1892, he was received on trial into the Holston Conference. In 1895 he was stationed at Centenary, Knoxville. His work there, aside from keeping the church going, was the inauguration of a night school and Sunday school among the employes of the Brookside cotton mill, which has resulted in a chapel and untold good. In 1897, he was stationed at Highland Park, Chattanooga. He conducted the League Department for the *Midland Methodist* for nearly two years. Brother Perry has been active in the promotion of the ‘Holston Plan.’”

A TRIBUTE TO ONE OF OUR FOUNDERS.

IN THE July number, No. 2, Vol. 7, of *Case and Comment*, familiar to all lawyers as the monthly publication of the Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Co., of Rochester, N. Y. appeared an excellent photograph of Founder Ross in his judicial robes, together with the following sketch:

“Erskine Mayo Ross was born June 30, 1845, on his fathers' plantation, at Belpré, Virginia. He was a cadet at the Virginia Military Institute, and subject to military duty the day Virginia seceded from the Union. Although only sixteen years old, he was made drill master to prepare the young recruits for service in the Confederate army.

“After the war was over, E. M. Ross came to Los Angeles in June, 1868, where he studied law and was soon admitted to the bar. He practised until 1879, when, at the age of thirty-four, he was elected to the Supreme Bench; he drew the short-term lot, but in 1882 was re-elected for a full term. He resigned in 1886 and formed a partnership with Hon. S. M. White, which lasted only a few weeks, when in January, 1887, Judge Ross, not then quite-forty-two years old, was appointed by President Cleveland to be judge of the United States District Court recently organized for southern California.

“February 22, 1895, a few months before he was fifty years old, President Cleveland appointed him to the United States Circuit Court. Mr. Cleveland said soon after that he had hardly made an appointment in his two terms in which he had as much satisfaction as in that of Judge Ross, and it is understood that an unfortunate disagreement between the late Justice Stephen J. Field and President Cleveland was the sole cause which prevented Judge Ross's elevation to the Supreme Bench of the United States.

“Such a record is remarkable. A successful lawyer at twenty-five; on the Supreme Bench of the State at thirty-four; re-elected to this high office at thirty-seven; appointed a Federal

judge at forty-two, and raised to the Circuit Court of the United States at fifty.

“On the bench Judge Ross has been known as impartial and fearless, as well as learned. In the railroad strike of 1894 these qualities were conspicuously displayed at a time when a less able lawyer or less intrepid judge might have been swaycd by intense popular feeling. His decisions have seldom been disturbed by a higher court.

“The home of Judge Ross at Glendale, nine miles from Los Angeles, is noted as one of the most beautiful spots in the country, surrounded by an immense orange grove in perfect cultivation. He is one of the most successful horticulturists in the state. So well does he understand the details of orange culture that the opinions of few carry so much weight with those engaged in this business.

“Judge Ross is married, and has a son now at Paris, as secretary to the State Commission.”

A BALLADE OF TIME.

Easterly, easterly flies the earth,
 Westerly, westerly flies the sun,
Night unto day gives golden birth,
 Day unto night ere it seems begun;
 Just as the battle is all but won,
Just as with triumph the cheek is flushed,
 Just as the web is all but spun,
Chronos calls and the heart is hushed.

The reveller rails in his maudlin mirth,
 The stripling frolics in wanton fun,
The gourmand leers at his ample girth,
 The maiden laughs and the pallid nun
 Deems her long duty by no means done
When unforeseen the spark is crushed;
 Vain is prayer and orison,
Chronos calls and the heart is hushed.

Of "supers," there is never a dearth
 On the spherical stage that we prance upon,
And yet, or ever we prove our worth,
 We're summoned unwilling to Acheron;
 The cue comes not; ah, Thespian,
Off is the programme sadly rushed;
 Fate and favor together run,
Chronos calls and the heart is hushed.

L'Envoi.

Carpe diem, derisive one,
 Ere you from the face of the earth be brushed,
Nor king nor carle may the summons shun,
 Chronos calls and the heart is hushed.

BETA ZETA.



IRVING BACHELLER, AUTHOR OF EBEN HOLDEN.

EBEN HOLDEN.

NOT because the author is an Alpha Tau, but because his work is artistic, interesting, well sustained and charming, we hope that every reader of the PALM who has not already done so will read "Eben Holden."

It is no light thing to have won such praise as this, in these days of rapidly multiplying literary triumphs, from the foremost critics of the day; "I have read 'Eben Holden' with a great joy in its truth and freshness. You have got into your book a kind of life not in literature before, and you have got it there simply and frankly. It is as pure as water and as good as bread."—William Dean Howells. "A remarkable production way and way ahead of David 'Harum.' 'Eben Holden' is simply adorable."—Mary E. Wilkins. "A forest-scented, fresh-aired, bracing and wholly American story of country and town life. If our successors wish to know what were the real life and atmosphere in which the country folk that saved this nation grew, loved, wrought and had their being, they must go back to such true and zestful and poetic tales of fiction as 'Snow Bound' and 'Eben Holden.'"—Edmund Clarence Stedman.

These favorable criticisms from the most distinguished and reliable critics of the day might be multiplied almost indefinitely for the book has been most favorably received both by the public generally, as is evidenced by the publication of 125,000 copies in three months, and by literary people.

The alternative title is "A Tale of the North Country," and the country meant is that in which N. Y. Alpha Omicron chapter has its place and from which it draws its membership. It would not be possible to give fully here the story of the book, for the author takes 432 pages for that purpose, and there is nothing superfluous or uninteresting. It is the tale of a man's development from childhood, with an interesting love story to make it more interesting. It is full of forest lore, and nature is seen through the eye of a poet and the eye of a child. Of late years there has nothing been written more charming than the

story of the escape of the old man and the little boy and the old dog, and the tale of how the young boy and the little daughter of his foster parents schemed to save the old pet from being killed will appeal to all. The pictures of country life are drawn with rare sympathy and intelligence, and the relations of the boy and girl are portrayed and developed with fine art. A moderate amount of mystery, of a mild but interesting nature, early enters into the tale, and is happily worked out.

College life is not overlooked, and a very vivid description of an inter-class fray is given, but, ultimately, the scene shifts from the country to the great city, where the struggles and trials of the hero, if such he may be called, are feelingly portrayed, with an introduction of Horace Greely and other distinguished men; a battle is portrayed and the hero is wounded, is saved by the mysterious character of the book and marries the girl with whom he had been reared, and whom he once thought he had lost.

But dominating all other characters and lending a pleasing zest to all situations, by his quaint humor and homely wisdom and readiness for all situations, and his wise philosophy, is he who gives the title to the book, Eben Holden. One is reminded at once of "David Harum," but there is a finer finish in this delineation, more subtle touches, less loudness and bluntness. The fishing stories and horse stories are splendidly told, and the touches of humor and pathos are furnished with the hand of an artist. Indeed, the book is the creation of a poet, a lover of nature and his kind, one who runs almost the whole gamut of human emotions, but has no taste for melodrama. Some very creditable poems are worked into the story.

Eben Holden is a faithful picture of real life, but with no touch of moroseness or pessimism, though the characters pass through many severe trials, such as come to all human beings. There is no meanness in the book and love and honest living are portrayed and given such place as they deserve in sane human activity. No one will regret reading this book, but all will be better for it. Unlike some books which have secured great vogue,

this may be read and discussed anywhere and by anyone. It is a type of fiction which is to be encouraged, not alone because of its lofty tone and noble teachings, but because it is a faithful portrayal of characters which have contributed largely to our greatness as a nation.

The author, Brother Irving Bacheller, is well known to the readers of the *PALM*, who will remember his excellent poem read at the New Orleans Congress by Dr. Glazebrook. He was one of the founders of N. Y. Alpha Omicron, and has always been loyal to his chapter and to his fraternity. He is a prominent and active member of the N. Y. Alumni Association.

Bro. Bacheller was born at Pierpont, N. Y., September 26, 1859, and his parents soon moved to Canton, where he was graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1882, with the degree of B. S. After graduation he located immediately in New York, and established there the Bacheller Newspaper Syndicate, which, for a time, did a very profitable business.

He is the author of some clever verse, published in prominent magazines, among which "The Rustic Dance," illustrated by Remington, and "Whisperin' Bill" are perhaps the best known. He was given the degree of M. S. by St. Lawrence in 1891. In 1884, he married Miss Anna Shultz, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a cultivated singer and an accomplished lady, who enters heartily into his work.

At the time of the last Congress, Bro. Bacheller was editor of the Sunday New York *World*, and was unable to be at New Orleans because of Mrs. Bacheller's illness. He has recently left that position because of the demands of "Eben Holden" and other important literary work.

AN OLD TOAST.

A brother has submitted for publication the following verses, which were composed by a lady much attached to the fraternity and delivered at a dinner given by Founder Glazebrook and Mrs. Glazebrook, to the Congress held at Macon, Ga., in 1880. Old members of the fraternity will understand the references to Bro. Mareen D. Humes, Va Delta, who had been Worthy Grand Chief in 1877-1878, and was then W. G. K. E., and is now a practicing physician at Beltsville, Md.; Bro. Thomas G. Hayes, Va. Alpha, who has served the fraternity in many capacities, from Worthy Grand Chief down, and is now famous as reform mayor of Baltimore; Bro. Joseph R. Anderson, Va., Alpha, former Worthy Grand Chief and founder and editor of the PALM, now of Lee, Va., referred to as "Joshua," because of his valuable services in trying times. The reference to meeting Freshmen at trains has a historical value, and proves that present tactics are not new after all. The verses were, of course, impromptu.

Come, light your cigars,
And while we enjoy their fumes
Let us drink to the health of
Bro. W. G. K. E. Humes.

Another we'll puff.
Though we don't think it pays
To waste five cents on
Delinquent Bro. Hayes.

Now one, if you please,
Be reverend in posture,
And drink to the health of
Our deliverer "Joshua,"

We must smoke one more,
Though with deep regret,
To the health of the men
We did not quite get,

And while our hearts
Wellnigh burst with pain
Resolve henceforth to meet
Every incoming train.

Come, light one more,
Raise high the PALM
And drink to the health of
Every new man.

The last we must smoke
To one we love most,
To our chaplain and
Rev. Worthy Grand host.

AUGUSTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The brothers residing at Augusta, Ga., on September 18th last came together, and desiring to perpetuate as much as possible the ties so dear to them in college days, decided to form an alumni association of Alpha Tau Omega in that city. The proposal received cordial and unanimous support from the brothers residing in Augusta, and the following were soon enrolled as members:

Thomas Barrett, Jr., Pres., Va. Beta; A. S. Cleveland, Vice Pres., Tenn. Omega; Roscoe Perkins, Sec. and Treas., Ga. Alpha Beta; E. B. Merry. Cor. Sec. to PALM, Ga. Beta Iota; Herbert W. Clark, Ga. Beta Iota; F. C. Meyer, Ga. Beta Iota; Miller Robertson, S. C. Alpha Chi.; W. M. Alexander, La. Beta Epsilon; Frank E. Lome, Ga. Alpha Zeta; H. S. Dunbar, Tenn. Omega; P. D. Langdon, Pa. Alpha Rho; J. W. Wallace, Ga. Beta Iota; Rev. W. Wall, Ga. Alpha Beta; Jas. L. Hunter, Ga. Beta Iota; Roy G. Merry, Ga. Beta Iota; Clarence N. Cook, Ga. Alpha Beta; F. C. Fishburne, Jr., Tenn. Omega; S. A. Fortson, Ga. Alpha Zeta; Henry F. Sason, Ga. Alpha Zeta; Geo. S. Lombard, Ga. Beta Iota; Geo. M. Peasley, S. C. Alpha Phi.

The Association has adopted the following Constitution and

By-Laws, which may be of service to other similar organizations, as they have been approved by the Worthy Grand Chief.

NAME.—Art. I. This organization shall be known as the “Augusta Alumni Association of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.”

MEMBERSHIP.—Art. II. Any person who has assumed the obligations of the Fraternity, and is a member thereof in good standing, shall be eligible to membership in this association.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS.—Art. III. Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of each member of this Association to exert his influence in securing for membership, in any active chapter of the Fraternity, those aliens attending, or about to attend, institutions of learning where there is a chapter of the Fraternity who are, in his opinion, worthy of becoming members of our noble brotherhood. To such end he shall report the name of such person to this Association, together with his endorsement of such person, and the Association, taking action on said endorsement, shall report to the chapter of this Fraternity located at such institution, touching him.

Sec. 2. It shall also be the duty of each member of this association to encourage, foster and maintain a fraternal spirit of good fellowship among all its members.

GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATION.—Art. IV. This Association shall be under the supervision of the legally constituted authorities of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and correspondent to PALM. Term of office shall be for Twelve months.

Art. V. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Association, at a regular meeting thereof.

The by-laws of this Association may be amended by a majority vote of those present and constituting a quorum.

BY-LAWS.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.—Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the

President to preside at all meetings of the Association; to issue calls for meetings thereof, at such times as he may see fit; to answer all communications addressed to the association; to sign all checks in payment of the expenses of the Association.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the President when he [the president] is absent from the city, or from a meeting of the Association.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct register of all members of the Association, and minutes of the proceedings at all regular or call meetings of the Association.

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Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all the dues of the Association, and to pay all obligations incurred by it, from the funds in his charge, upon the written order of the President.

MEETINGS. Sec. 5. Regular meetings of the Association shall be had on the second Tuesday night in every month, at 8:30 o'clock, at Association rooms, and call meetings may be had at such time as the President may designate.

Notice of all meetings shall be given by the Secretary of the Association.

Sec. 6. It will be the duty of the Secretary to issue a call for a meeting of the Association upon the written application of five or more members of the Association, at the time and place designated in such application, which application shall be submitted to the President for his approval.

QUORUM.—Sec. 7. Seven members shall constitute a quorum of this Association.

DUES.—Sec. 8. Each member shall pay to the Treasurer stated dues per month.

LETTER FROM AN ALUMNUS.

It is some years since I have been an active member of the fraternity, but I have had the privilege of attending the New Orleans congress, and as the seventeenth congress draws near, my old enthusiasm comes back more strongly and several things occur to me which may possibly be considered of sufficient interest to justify use of this in the PALM.

In the first place, at this season of the year campaign material is eagerly sought by our various chapters, and one criticism our readers have to meet is in regard to the number of chapters which we have established and which have become extinct. This matter often receives much consideration both in extension work and spiking. I think it is but fair that the true state of facts should be laid before the fraternity as well as the general public. We are often criticised because of the practice of establishing what were known as "community" chapters, and not unlikely some men have hesitated about becoming Alpha Taus because of the manner in which rivals have referred to these bodies. What are the real facts?

The difference between alumni associations and community chapters lies in this: The former were permitted to make initiations, while the latter can not. There were, in all, only eight of these community chapters established, and they were as follows: W. Va. Zeta, with nine initiates, at Weston, W. Va., April 1st, 1866; Va. Gamma, with nine initiates at Harrisonburg, Va., July 7th, 1866; Tenn. Theta with nine initiates at Knoxville, Tenn., July 22, 1866; Tenn. Kappa, with eight initiates, at Memphis, Tenn., February 5th, 1867; Tenn. Gamma, with eleven initiates, at Columbia, Tenn., March 4th, 1874; Ga. Sigma, with seven initiates, at Rome, Ga., Jan. 3, 1874; Va. Phi, with fourteen initiates, at Alexandria, Va., Dec. 15, 1875; and Ills. Chi., with five initiates at Chicago, Ill., July 21, 1875. So that, in all, only seventy-two men were ever initiated in this manner, and it is especially to be observed that the last of these chapters was formed over twenty-five years ago, and, as they were all short

lived, it is safe to say that no initiation has been made by any of them for over twenty years. That is a very conservative statement, as four of them were formed and died before 1870.

It is foolish, therefore, for any chapter or any brother to any longer suffer annoyance on account of these community chapters. They were the result of an abundance of enthusiasm on the part of the early initiates of the fraternity, and the community initiates were invariably men of high character, and usually college graduates. They were the chosen friends of Alpha Taus in the cities in question, and these brothers, not foreseeing what the development of the college fraternity would be, were anxious to extend the benefits of Alpha Tau Omega to their associates. The error was early detected, and promptly remedied, and, while the formation of these chapters is to be deplored, the mistake did not prevail long enough to do serious injury. Alpha Taus should meet the issue fairly whenever presented, and confidently rely on the facts presented in answer to any criticism on account of community chapters. They are back numbers, and a rival shows a weak case in mentioning them to an alien.

One unfortunate feature of the community chapter episode is that it largely increased the number of our defunct chapters, and, owing to the manner in which our system of chapter naming has been conducted, we are on this account charged with eight dead chapters, and this is claimed to indicate recklessness in extension. The answer is given above. It was a mistake which was quickly corrected, and the total number of initiates was small, and none has been made for over twenty years.

But this question of the number of dead chapters is usually amplified in the rushing season, and we will look a little further into the matter. It will be found, in this connection, that we are also charged with a number of other chapters with a small membership or which were never actually established in the ordinary way. Tenn. Mu at the University of Nashville, to which a charter was issued Nov. 2nd, 1871, had a total roll of five initiates; Ky. Omicron, at Bethel College, Russellville, Ky., charter issued May 16, 1872, had only three; Tenn. Pi, East

Tennessee University, Knoxville, Tenn., charter Oct. 18, 1872, had only four; D. C. Upsilon, at Columbian University, Washington, charter Nov. 6, 1874, had only eight; Va. Alpha Alpha, at Richmond College, Richmond, Va., charter Sept. 15, 1878, had only eight; Pa. Alpha Pi., at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., charter March 12, 1882, had only eight; Oregon Alpha Sigma, at Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., charter Oct 1, 1882, had only five; Arkansas Alpha Xi, Arkansas Industrial University, Fayetteville, Ark., charter, March 28, 1884, had only five; Mass. Beta Gamma, at Mass. Inst. of Technology, Boston, Mass., charter April 3, 1885, had only eight; and the last instance is that of Penn. Beta Chi., at Haverford College, Haverford, Pa., charter May 8, 1891, with only four initiates. In the last instance the chapter was not established because of hostile faculty rules, and never really existed as such. The total membership of these ten chapters is fifty-eight. Out of the eighty chapters which have been established, these eighteen community and only partially formed chapters have contributed only one hundred and thirty initiates to our rolls. Such extension has not been known in our fraternity for many years and will never be allowed again. I think it well to call attention to the real facts, in order that any criticism of our extension policy may be fairly met. In the ten instances about mentioned it was merely a case of issuing a charter prematurely.

In the second place, as I go about from place to place among college and fraternity men, I find that more and more importance is being attached to the chapter house question. Isn't it natural, and isn't it possible for our fraternity to take this matter up and accomplish something? I most sincerely hope so. It seemed to me at New Orleans that Bro. Ehle's plan deserved approval and trial, but it soon became so complicated, that I fear that the mass of amendments must be eliminated before anything can be accomplished in this way. I believe the scheme is a good one and will help. We certainly are not keeping up with some of the other fraternities in this chapter-house matter.

These matters seemed to me of importance just now, and that is why I have trespassed on the space of the PALM.

AN ALUMNUS.

EDITORIALS.

WE are pleased to be able to give in this number a cut of the Alumni certificate, which has been prepared in accordance with the resolution of the last Congress, and which is something every alumnus should possess. Unfortunately, it has not sold very well, but this was to be expected from the involved and cumbersome nature of the legislation providing for it. It is to be hoped that at Boston this will be simplified, and that the purpose for which it was intended will be forwarded. Any brother who desires to have a certificate issued to him should communicate with the Worthy Grand Chief. The cut is very much reduced-

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The Worthy Grand Chief recently prepared a table showing the number of initiation applications with fees which have been forwarded to his office since last Congress by each chapter, but which does not include several old applications for initiations before that date. The total is 259, but it is well known that is far below the number actually initiated, especially as at least three of the chapters have reported no initiations in all this time, and some, but a very few, while, as a matter of fact, the chapters maintained a large membership roll.

In all such instances, where the fee has not been forwarded in the regular way, the constitution has been violated and initiation has been improperly made. The system of checks now maintained indicates just what brothers are delinquent for initiation fees, and every initiate who has not properly qualified is not entitled to have his name appear in the new edition of the catalogue, and is not a fully initiated Alpha Tau. This matter, is therefore, of vital concern to him, and he should see that the matter is promptly straightened out. The W. M. of each chapter should check up his chapter rolls carefully for this purpose, in order to make a proper report at Boston.

In this connection, we desire to call attention to a very dangerous practice which prevails in some of our chapters of allow

ing the initiation fees to mingle with the chapter funds and delay in forwarding same. This is a most harmful and unjustifiable practice and results in inconvenience and embarrassment to all concerned; and the W. M. should see to it that it is not allowed. The chapter has no right whatever to these fees. They belong to the general fraternity, and the only duty of the chapter is to forward them to the proper officer. While usually thoughtlessly done, to use these fees for chapter purposes is, to all intents and purposes, a mis-appropriation of same, of which the initiate should most emphatically complain.

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Just a word about PALM dues. Every member of an active chapter must pay them and they should be paid in advance. Now is the time to arrange this, and not when the chapter is about to disband for the summer vacation. The necessity of continually dunning chapters for this recognized obligation is very annoying and distasteful to the editor and causes a waste of time and considerable expense. We, therefore, mention it now, in order that the duty may not be neglected.

Much trouble is experienced also in obtaining chapter letters as required, and the editor sometimes sends out many special letters before obtaining attention to this duty. There is no reason why he should do this, as proper and sufficient notice is given in the PALM. The penalty for failure to send such a letter is a fine of five dollars, which has been collected in several instances in the past, and will be invariably in the future, when there is not an exceptionally good excuse. But letters are wanted, and not fines.

In this number we have a letter from every active chapter. This should not be unusual, but, unfortunately, it is, and this has been brought about only by repeated letters to certain chapters.

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In this number appears a letter from a loyal brother under the name of "Alumnus." We believe it will be found both interesting and instructive. There is a vague impression among some brothers and members of other fraternities that "commun-

ity" chapters in some way damaged the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity irreparably. The real nature of same and their history are briefly presented in a manner calculated to remove this impression. What is said about our other unfortunate experiences in early days with chapters which did little more than receive a charter and a place on the rolls, is instructive, and the change for the better in recent years is also clearly indicated.

The importance of more chapter houses is not exaggerated, and we hope with the writer that Alpha Tau Omega will not lag behind in this respect, or any other.

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It is a great pleasure to be able to present in this number some views of N. Y. Beta Theta's new chapter house, which is now very near completion. It is the first adequate chapter house built by any chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, and it is certainly a credit to the persistence of the Cornell boys, and their achievement is worthy of emulation. Unfortunately, they have had to work along unaided, and only after a long and patient effort have they succeeded in their work. We have had chapter lodges before, but nothing of this character until now. Before the next PALM is published Beta Theta will be in the new house, and we hope then to have a full description of it.

By the way, oughtn't the general fraternity, in some such permanent structure as this rent a room for the safe storage of its valuable archives?

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There are great possibilities for the extension of our chapter roll in the near future, both by the revival of old chapters, which have been suffered to die out and which may now be strongly re-established, and given a new lease of vigorous life, and by the establishment of new chapters where Alpha Tau Omega has hitherto been unknown. Either kind of action, it need scarcely be remarked, will be taken on a decidedly conservative basis, and after study of conditions and future possibilities.

In this connection, few items of news could be more gratifying than the announcement of the revival of N. Y. Alpha Lambda.

chapter, at Columbia University, on October 30th, a result which has been due very largely to the patient efforts of Provincial Chief Jones, who has been working to this end for many long months, and will continue to work in the best interests of the chapter.

The opportunity of which advantage has thus been taken, was most propitious. Bro. Phillips, the W. M. of the chapter, is a familiar figure at Congress, and has accomplished a large amount of good for his fraternity, which has always found him a most willing, efficient and enthusiastic worker. No better man could have been found to direct the fortunes of the revived chapter. His associates are equally worthy of the confidence of the fraternity, and they will assure even more vigorous life in Alpha Lambda than she has yet enjoyed.

The New York Alumni Association is a large and influential body, composed of representatives of almost every chapter on our rolls, whose numbers are being steadily increased by men who form part of the constant stream of young men to the great metropolis. The chapter is, therefore, assured of fostering care and support, and we believe that her fortunes are assured at Columbia.

As to the institution, there can be no doubt, as is clearly shown in the letter of the N.Y. Alumni Association in this number. Its present location is more favorable to fraternity work than when it stood in the center of the great city, and the chapter, as reorganized is on a broader and more enduring foundation than formerly, when it was practically confined to the law school, and died because of dissensions in same. All hail and long life to N. Y. Alpha Lambda.

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An unusually large number of petitions for charters have been received recently, and they are or have been carefully considered. Doubtless, there will be some important announcements in this connection soon, and some additional defunct chapters will soon be revived and placed in stronger condition than ever before.

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The Worthy Grand Chief has recently found among his papers an interesting document, reading as follows: "To every chapter, embracing every officer and member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, greeting: Be it known that R. A. Waller is hereby authorized to establish, as soon as possible, in the manner prescribed by our Constitution and By-Laws, a branch chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, at University of Chicago. .

"This charter, granted by the general Congress, and signed by the Grand Officers, shall guarantee to this branch the right to exercise all the functions pertaining thereto and shall secure for it and its members the love, confidence and brotherly assistance which it is the bounden duty of every member to render.

"Granted and signed this 7th day of July, 1870. (Signed) W. G. Bennett, S. G. M.; F. A. Berlin, Jr. G. M.; Frank Roane, S. G. S.; Richd. Brooke, J. G. S."

Significant features of the document are the fact that "general Congress" above is written over "mother society," indicating the original method of extension, and the names then given the Grand Officers, which any brother will readily distinguish and understand.

Bro. Robert A. Waller, of Va. Beta, to whom the letter was issued, is no more. Bro. W. G. Bennett, of Va. Alpha, sixth on our rolls, has been and is a successful lawyer at Weston, W. Va., where he has enjoyed judicial honors. Bro. F. A. Berlin, of Va. Beta, is a successful San Francisco lawyer. Bro. Frank Roane, of Va. Beta, is a prominent resident of Lynchburg, Va., and Bro. Richard Brooke, of Va. Alpha, is no more.

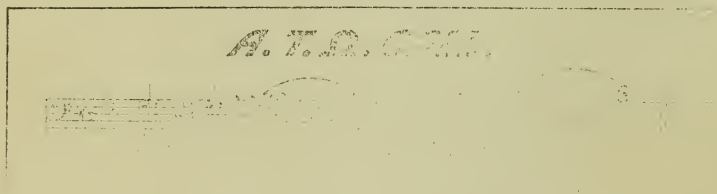
At the date of issue of this letter, there were only eleven chapters of the fraternity in existence, four of which were "communities." It shows how devoid of sectionalism were the intentions of the founders of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, because more than ten years before the establishment of Penna. Tau, here was an attempt to establish the fraternity in the University of Chicago. Why the attempt was abandoned we are uninformed, but we are hopeful that some day in the near future the work

begun so long ago may be brought to a gratifying and successful completion.

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N. Y. Alpha Omicron has a chapter call which it desires to have adopted by the national fraternity. Copies of it have been mailed to the Grand Officers and the chapters, with a printed circular setting forth that it has been used for several years by this chapter, for which it was written by one of its members, and that it will be proposed at the coming Congress. It is requested that delegates be instructed to vote for it. The chapter has used the call as a short serenade in connection with the fraternity yell, and has found the contrast pleasing.

The chapter committee on this subject is made up of Bros. H. A. Duncan, J. D. Stark, E. R. Miles, Ed Quinn and A. H. Cushman, and the following cut presents the call and music graphically:



The Alpha Omicron brothers are in earnest in this matter, and urgently request that the chapters practice the call in their meetings. It will serve an altogether different purpose from the fraternity whistle. We believe it will be found very satisfactory, and that the suggestion of this most excellent chapter will be unanimously approved.

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Alpha Tau Omega is already in need of a new catalogue. There are many additions to be made to the first edition, and it is to be largely supplemented. Great care has been taken to prepare for this work, and the publication of the second edition will, therefore, be a simple matter compared with the very large amount of work required to get out the first edition, for which the data were in very unsatisfactory shape.

The chairman of the catalogue committee, the W. G. K. A. and the Province Chiefs are all working hard to get our annals into good shape, and they only need the co-operation of the chapters.

Each chapter is asked to appoint a committee on chapter annals, with the W. K. A. as chairman. This committee should send to each alumnus a postal card (the reply card is surer to bring a reply) asking for full name and address, occupation, and the same information as to any other brother, together with any other information suitable for use in the catalogue. This should be obtained by Dec. 1st, and the alumni should be informed in the card that the next Congress will convene at the Brunswick Hotel, Boston, Dec. 26th, 1900.

Full returns should be made to the W. G. K. A., for which Bro. Saner has asked, and to the Provincial Chief and chairman of the catalogue committee.

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Each Provincial Chief is expected to make a very full report at Boston, together with such recommendations as he may deem wise, and it is to be hoped that all of the chiefs will be able to attend Congress. The system was only temporarily adopted at New Orleans, but, so far as we are able to learn, it is considered very successful and will probably be adopted as a permanent feature of our fraternity. The brothers who have acted in this capacity have certainly worked most faithfully, and have had much influence with the chapters, whom they have helped very much and kept up to a fine state of efficiency.

It is expected that the province chiefs will go to Boston fully supplied with data as to the membership, active and alumnus, of their chapters, their financial condition, compliance with fraternity requirements and future prospects. They will also give information as to other fraternities where our chapters are located and make recommendations as to extension.

It is expected that an unusually valuable collection of data as to the fraternity will be presented at Boston.

In connection with Congress, nearly all of the chapters have named their delegates, and such as have not done so, should al-

low no delay in this very important matter, because there is little enough time remaining for preparation. Full provision should be promptly made to cover all expenses, and there should be no delay in preparing a full and proper chapter report. At some of the Congresses these reports have been neglected until the last moment, and have, accordingly, been very meagre and unsatisfactory. This is a mistake, and very discreditable to any chapter. The report should be prepared before the delegate leaves for Boston, and should be submitted to the chapter for criticism.

It is to be noted that an *active* delegate (not an *alumnus*) is required to be sent, and a heavy fine is provided for failure to be represented. Each alumni association should also have a delegate present, and, in all cases, the credentials should be carefully prepared so as to comply with the rule.

It would be a good idea in each meeting of the chapter between now and Congress to devote considerable time to a discussion of matters to be presented there, so that the delegate may be fully informed as to the sentiment of his chapter on important topics.

For further instructions, the chapters should carefully consult the excellent circular letter of the Worthy Grand Chief and conscientiously comply with its recommendations in letter and spirit.

Don't forget your chapter banner. There were a few missing last year. Every delegate should carry one to Boston. The banners made a very attractive display at New Orleans, and they should be even more conspicuous at Boston.

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We made an effort to secure a complete list of new initiates for this number, but in this were unsuccessful, as some of the chapters have made no returns, and it is, therefore, necessary to postpone publication of this important news.

We can only say that the forty-two chapters on currolls seem to be exerting themselves in every possible way to keep up the fraternity's prestige. A few have been unfortunate, owing to the failure of expected brothers to return, or to the misfortunes of their college, but, in all these instances, additional efforts are being made to overcome the difficulties, and, we are glad to say these are meeting with success.

Altogether, the fraternity was never in better condition than now, and the year will be a very prosperous one.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The members of the Georgia Beta Iota chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity were profoundly shocked and grieved at the tragic death of their brother and comrade, Alexander Barry Whitney; and

WHEREAS, They desire to express in a formal way the grief which they feel over Brother Whitney's death; and desire to make known the esteem in which he was held as a member of their order, and as a man of worth and character, and

WHEREAS, They desire to extend to the family of their late brother the sincerest sympathy in their hour of sacred sorrow; be it

Resolved, (1) That the sympathies of the Georgia Beta Iota chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity be extended to the parents and family of Brother Whitney,

(2) That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Brother Whitney's family, and a copy also be preserved with the records of the chapter, and

(3) That a copy of these resolutions, together with a sketch of Brother Whitney's life, be furnished the PALM for publication.

Atlanta, Ga., May 23, 1900.

W. P. WALTHALL,	} Committee.
W. D. NASH,	
R. G. MERRY,	

ADDITIONAL CHAPTER ROLLS.

IN this number of the PALM we reach Alabama Alpha Epsilon chapter, which has one of the longest rolls of members in the fraternity, and which has enjoyed a most honorable history in the past and to-day remains stronger than ever.

We desire to repeat, in this connection, that the purpose of this publication is to detect and correct errors in our fraternity annals, if such exist, and any reader of the PALM will confer a favor on himself, as well as the fraternity, if he will promptly notify Bro. George W. Mitchell, permanent chairman of the catalogue committee, Wellesley, Bldg., Dallas, Texas, of any such errors, mistakes or omissions.

ALABAMA ALPHA EPSILON, ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE,
AUBURN, ALA.

Founded December 18, 1879, by Ignatius L. Candler, (Ga. A. B.) Total membership 171. Deceased 9.

*Atkinson, Benjamin Franklin, A. B. Tampa, Ga., 1879. A. B. Ala. Pol. Inst. Died Sept. 16, 1881, West Point, Ga.

Davis, John S. N., Jr., C. E. Oak Bowery, Ala., 1879. C. E. Ala. Pol. Inst., railroad contractor, Savannah, Ga.

Lamar, Howard, A. B., A. M. Auburn, Ala., 1879. A. B. A. M. Ala. Pol. Inst., worthy grand keeper of annals Alpha Tau Omega, 1890-1892; attorney-at-law, Jasper, Ala.

Mitchell, Alexander Jordan, C. E. Glenville, Ala., 1880. C. E. Ala. Pol. Inst., U. S. Signal Service, Cedar Keys, Fla.

Carden, George Alexander, A. B. Dalton, Ga., 1879. A. B. Ala. Pol. Inst., U. S. Signal Service, Popular River, Mont.; attorney-at-law, Dallas, Tex.

Glass, Parker Josiah, M. D. Mobile, Ala., 1879. Physician, Mobile, Ala.

Lamar, Hon, William Harmong, A. B., LL. M. Auburn, Ala., 1879. A. B., Ala. Pol. Inst., LL. M. Georgetown College, 1885; attorney-at-law; U. S. Signal Service; in charge scientific work Greeley expedition, 1883 secretary Democratic State Central

Committee, Md.; ex-member of the Maryland legislature; first assistant postmaster general, P. O. Department, Washington, D. C.; Capt. Corps Eng. U. S. V. army; Brevet Major Spanish-American war; residence, Rockville, Md.

Heath, John Monroe, M. D. Howard, Ga., 1880. Physician, Howard, Ga.

Hurt, William McTyeire. Auburn, Ala., 1880. Farmer, Gold Hill, Ala.

Stephens, Milton Spofford. Rock Mills, Ala., 1880. Attorney-at-law, Rock Mills, Ala.

Acree, Walter Upson, B. S. Verbena, Ala., 1880. B. S. Ala. Pol. Inst.; secretary building and loan association, Newton, Ala.

Scott, Isaac Monroe. West Point, Ga., 1880. Merchant West Point, Ga.

Alexander, Edward Porter, Jr. Augusta, Ga., 1880. Real estate, Duluth, Minn.

Reid, James Madison, C. E. Auburn, Ala., 1880. C. E. Ala. Pol. Inst., civil engineer; division engineer Mexican Central railroad, Ameca, Jalisco, Mexico; permanent address, Pilot Point, Texas.

Clegg, Anthony M., C. E., M. E. Columbus, Ga., 1880. C. E., M. E., contractor, Washington, D. C.

Francis, William C. Lake City, Fla., 1880. Merchant, Denver, Colo.

Banks, James Jones, A. B. Hartsboro, Ala., 1880. A. B. Ala. Pol. Inst.; circuit judge, Birmingham, Ala.

Bullard, Robert Lee. Opelika, Ala., 1880. First lieutenant U. S. army; commandant, Dahlonga, Ga. Colonel U. S. army in Philippines.

*Hutchinson, Pierce M., C. E. West Point, Ga., 1880. C. E. Ala. Poly. Inst.

Mangum, Theodore Fields, Jr., A. B. Auburn, Ala., 1880. A. B. Ala. Poly. Inst., prosecuting attorney 1892-1898; attorney-at-law, McKinney, Tex.

Van Hoose, Eugene L., B. S. Trinidad, Mexico, 1880. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst., chemist, Trinidad, Mexico.

Ross, Bennett Battle, A. B. Tuskegee, Ala., 1879. A. B. Ala. Poly. Inst., Secretary U. S. Official Chemist; professor of chemistry Agricultural and Mechanical College; state chemist, Auburn, Ala.

*Letcher, John Talbot, B. E. Cross Keys, Texas, 1881. B. E. Ala. Poly. Inst. Died November, 1886, Lampasas, Tex.

Swoope, Charles Carroll. Courtland, Ala., 1880. Farmer, Courtland, Ala.

Brown, Edward Norphlet, A. B. Hurtsboro, Ala., 1881. A. B. Ala. Poly. Inst., supt. Mexican National railroad, City of Mexico.

Johnston, Marshall S. Hamilton, Ga., 1881. Merchant, Hamilton, Ga.

*Samford, Norris P. D., B. E. Auburn, Ala., 1881. B. E. Ala. Poly. Inst. Died, May 19, 1883, Auburn, Ala.

*Cunningham, William Henry, M. D. Wood's Bluff, Ala., 1881. Physician. Died November 30, 1895, Butler, Ala.

Thompson, Samuel Boteler. Lake City, Fla., 1881. Merchant, Lake City, Fla.

Samford, Hon. William James. Opelika, Ga., 1881. Member Ala. Constitutional Convention, 1875; member congress, 1878-80; president state senate 1882-1892; colonel in state militia; attorney-at-law, Opelika, Ala.; elected governor of Alabama, 1900.

Stewart, William Weaver, M. D. Columbus, Ga., 1881. Physician, Columbus, Ga.

Frazer, Peter G. Washington, Ga., 1881. Farmer, Washington, Ga.

Pearson, Walter W., A. B. Montgomery, Ala., 1889. A. B. Ala. Poly. Institute; attorney-at-law, Montgomery, Ala.

Bass, Charles Longstreet. Wetumpka, Ala., 1882. Attorney-at-law, San Antonio, Tex.

Hill, Malvern Ezekiel. Newnan, Ga., 1882. Attorney-at-law, Atlanta, Ga.

Hunter, Henry Mitchell, M. D. Eufaula, Ala., 1881. Physician, Union Springs, Ala.

Milton, William Hall, Jr. Marianna, Fla., 1882. Attorney-at-law, Marianna, Fla.

McIntosh, Andrew M., A. B. Dadeville, Ala., 1882. A. B. Ala. Pol. Inst.; teacher; professor of chemistry, Mississippi Agricultural College; state chemist, Starksville, Miss.

Hutchinson, Washington, A. B. Whitesville, Ga., 1882. A. B. Ala. Poly. Inst., professor chemistry, Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, Starksville, Miss.

Harlan, Aaron Fayette, B. S., M. D. Hackneyville, Ala. 1882. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; physician, Hackneyville, Ala.

Lancaster, Henry Josephus. Wetumpka, Ala., 1882. Graduate State University; attorney-at-law, judge of Probate Court, Wetumpka, Ala.

Smith, James Clark, M. D. Tallassee, Ala., 1882. Physician, Tuscumbia, Ala.

*Goodwyn, Robert Howell. Mt. Meigs, Ala., 1883.

*Larkin, David. Larkinsville, Ala., 1883. Died 1890, Larkinsville, Ala.

Samford, William Hodges. Opelika, Ala., 1883. Attorney-at-law, Troy, Ala.

Hurt, Charles Davis, Jr. Hurtsboro, Ala., 1883. Merchant, Macon, Ga.

McCarty, Rev. Thomas Rives. Glenville, Ala., 1883. A. B. Ala. Poly. Inst. Graduate Southern Univ., 1887; founder of Ala. Beta Beta chapter of A. T. O.; clergyman North Georgia Conf. M. E. Ch., So. Atlanta, Ga.

Allen, James Madison, B. S. Birmingham, Ala., 1883. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst. Merchant, Birmingham, Ala.

Carmichael, John Coleman. Selma, Ala., 1883. Attorney-at-law, Birmingham, Ala.

Killen, William John, M. D. Myrtle, Ala., 1883. Physician, New York City.

Autrey, Charles Mallory. La Grange, Ga., 1883. Railroad office, La Grange, Ga.

Shaver, Artemus Patterson. Pine Level, Ala., 1883. Merchant, Birmingham, Ala.

Zellars, Thomas Peter, B. S. Palmetto, Ga., 1883. B. S. Graduate Ala. Poly. Inst., civil engineer, Atlanta, Ga.

Corry, Robert Samuel, B. E. Calbert, Ala., 1883. B. E. Ala. Poly. Inst., insurance business, Greenville, Ala.

Bruce, William Herschel, A. M., Ph. D. Milltown, Ala., 1883. A. M. Ph. D. Ala. Poly. Inst.; principal high school, Athens, Tex.

Hutchinson, Thomas Price. Whiteville, Ga., 1883. Farmer, Manchester, Ga.

Barnes, William D., Jr. Greenwood, Fla., 1883. Bank cashier, Jacksonville, Fla.

Duke, Francis C., A. B. Mt. Home, Ga. A. B. Ala. Poly. Inst.; attorney-at-law, Lafayette, Ala.

Whitaker, Rev. Walter C., A. B. Tuscogee, Ala., 1883. A. B. Ala. Poly. Inst.; Episcopal clergyman, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Howell, Lawrence Franklin, B. S. Valdosta, Ga., 1883. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; merchant, Valdosta, Ga.

Burton, Benjamin S., B. S., M. D. Valdosta, Ga., 1883. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; physician, Valdosta, Ga.

Persons, Henry Stanford, M. D. Auburn, Ala., 1884. Physician, Montgomery, Ala.

Bond, Edmund Gaines. Mobile, Ala., 1884. Merchant, Mobile, Ala.

Allen, Vassar L., B. S. Opelika, Ala., 1884. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; attorney-at-law, Birmingham, Ala.

Perry, Frank H., B. S. Opelika, Ala., 1884. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; teacher, Memphis, Tenn.

Nonnemacher, Eugene L. Uniontown, Ala., 1884. Railroad office, Faunsdale, Ala.

*Ross, Charles H., B. S., Ph. D. Auburn, Ala, 1884. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst., Ph. D. Johns Hopkins University, 1892; Prof. of modern languages, Agricultural and Mechanical College, Auburn, Ala. Died Feb. 23, 1900, at El Paso, Texas.

Rives, Robert Glenn, B. S. Snowdown, Ala., 1884. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst., Montgomery, Ala.

Sharp, Thomas Killen, B. S. Perry, Ga., 1885. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; attorney-at-law, Perry, Ga.

Lamar, George Holt, B. S., B. L., LL. M. Auburn, Ala., 1885. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst., B. L., LL. M., Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., worthy grand scribe A. T. O; atty.-at-law, Fendall Bldg., Washington, D. C.; residence, Rockville, Md.

Van Antwerp, Andrew. Mobile, Ala., 1885. Pharmacist, Mobile, Ala.

Macartney, Edwin C. Mobile, Ala., 1885. Merchant, Mobile, Ala.

*Lurton, James Walton. Mariana, Fla., 1885.

Henderson, James Linton. Montgomery, Ala., 1885. Farmer, Montgomery, Ala.

Samford, Thomas Drake, B. S. Youngsboro, Ala., 1885. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; attorney-at-law, Opelika, Ala.

Cory, Alonzo F., B. S. Antanga, Ala., 1885. B. S., Ala. Poly. Inst.; supt. agricultural experimental station of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Lloyd, Edward Ready, B. S. Auburn, Ala., 1886. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; professor of agriculture, Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, Starksville, Miss.

Milton, John Jr., B. S. Marianna, Fla., 1886. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; banker, Marianna, Fla.

Terry, William Kerr. Carrollton, Ala., 1886. Attorney-at-law, Birmingham, Ala.

Robertson, Walter Lee. Whitesville, Ga., 1886. Merchant, Birmingham, Ala.

Hutchinson, P. Lee, B. S. Chipley, Ala., 1886. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; assistant state chemist, Atlanta, Ga.

Newman, Wilson H., B. S., M. D. Sparta, Ga., 1886. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; M. D. University of Virginia; lieutenant U. S. army, San Antonio, Tex.

Milstead, Frank Davis, B. S. Laurel, Md., 1886. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; supt. Tallahassee cotton factory and supt. Tallahassee & Montgomery Railroad Co., Tallahassee, Ala.

Thorington, Thomas Chilton, M. D. Montgomery, Ala.
1886. Physician, Montgomery, Ala.

Vernon, Frederick H., B. S. Cusseta, Ga., 1886. B. S. Ala.
Poly. Inst. Manufacturer, Cusseta, Ga.

Staten, William Thomas. Valdosta. Ga., 1886. Farmer,
Valdosta, Ga.

Drake, John Hodges, Jr., B. S., M. D. Auburn, Ala., 1887.
B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; physician. Opelika, Ala.

Bennett, Robert Love, B. S. Auburn, Ala., 1887. B. S.
Ala. Poly. Inst. Supt. experiment station, Fayetteville, Ark.

Lang, Hunter A. Birmingham, Ala., 1887. Merchant, 3726
East Olive street, St. Louis, Mo.

Poole, Reuben Hayne, B. S., M. D. Douglasville, Ga., 1887.
B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; physician, Douglasville, Ga.

Terry, Percy W., B. S. Carrollton, Ala., 1887. B. S. Ala.
Poly. Inst.; journalist, Birmingham, Ala.

Emory, George Woodhull, M. D. Opelika, Ala., 1887. B. S.
Ala. Poly. Inst.; M. D. Tulane University; physician, Navasota,
Tex.

Cook, Walter Girard, B. S. Haynesville, Ala., 1887. B. S.
Ala. Poly. Inst., journalist, Montgomery, Ala.

Pritchett, Edward Hill, Jr. Haynesville, Ala., 1887. Mer-
chant, Haynesville, Ala.

Harwood, Beverly Franklin, Jr., B. S. Uniontown, Ala.,
B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; cotton merchant, Uniontown, Ala.

Lyman, William, B. S. Selma, Ala., 1888. B. S. Ala. Poly.
Inst.; merchant, Montevallo, Ala.

Lupton, Frank A., B. S., M. S. Auburn, Ala., 1888. B. S.,
Ala. Poly. Inst., M. D. Johns Hopkins University. Physician,
Nashville, Tenn.

Glenn, Charles Bowles, B. S., M. S. Auburn, Ala, 1888. M.S.
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., teacher, Evergreen, Ala.

Frazer, Tucker Henderson, C. E., M. D. Auburn, Ala., 1888.
C. E. Ala. Poly. Inst.; physician, Mobile, Ala.

Parker, John Alley. Montgomery, Ala., 1888. Insurance
business, Louisville, Ky.

Whetstone, David Lewis, B. S. Tallassee, Ala., 1888. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst., lumber business, Montgomery, Ala.

Mumford, Louis St. C. Bedford, Va., 1888. Farmer, Uniontown, Ala.

Van Antwerp, David, M. D. Mobile, Ala., 1889. M. D. Univ. of Pa., Philadelphia, Pa.; physician, Mobile, Ala.

Walker, David M. Faunsdale, Ala., 1888. Merchant, Faunsdale, Ala.

Hahr, Francis W. Atlanta, Ga., 1889. U. S. mail service, Atlanta, Ga.

Thomas, George A., B. S. Montgomery, Ala., 1889. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; real estate and insurance, Montgomery, Ala.

Doster, Henry S., B. S. Prattsville, Ala., 1889. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; attorney-at-law; member of Ala. State Legislature, Prattsville, Ala.

Jones, Arthur L., B. S. Montgomery, Ala., 1889. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; bookkeeper People's Cotton Factory; Montgomery, Ala.

Ledbetter, Charles L. Tupelo, Ala., 1889. Merchant, Birmingham, Ala.

Jones, Harvey E. Spring Hill Ala., 1889. Agent M. & O. R. R., Mobile, Ala.

Gachet, James Edward, B. S., D. D. S. Auburn, Ala., 1889. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; dentist, Florence, Ala.

Long, Thomas F. Gainesville, Ala., 1889. Planter, Gainesville, Ala.

Robertson, Charles D. Birmingham, Ala., 1889. Birmingham, Ala.

Davidson, Henry Lee, B. S. Montgomery, Ala., 1890. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst., real estate merchant, Montgomery, Ala.

Crommelin, John G., B. S. Montgomery, Ala., 1890. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst., Montgomery, Ala.

Nixon, Stanley C. Birmingham, Ala., 1890. Clerk, Birmingham, Ala.

Thorington, Jack, Jr., B. S. Montgomery, Ala., 1890. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; attorney-at-law, Montgomery, Ala.

Nelson, Hugh. Selma, Ala., 1890. Merchant, Selma, Ala.

McRae, George Young. Valdosta, Ga., 1890. Valdosta, Ga.

McRae, Frank I. Valdosta, Ga., 1890. Farmer, Valdosta, Ga.

Milstead, Andrew H. Tallassee, Ala. Cotton business, Tallassee, Ala.

Crommelin, Henry, Jr. Montgomery, Ala., 1890. Montgomery, Ala.

Knox, Edward Oscar. Troy, Ala., 1890. Theatrical manager, Troy, Ala.

Pollard, Charles Ford, M. D. Montgomery, Ala., 1890. M.D. Tulane University; physician, New Orleans, La.

Marks, Nicholas B., B. S., C. E. Montgomery, Ala., 1890 B. S., C. E. Ala. Poly. Inst.

*Janney, George O., Jr. Montgomery, Ala., 1890. Merchant, Montgomery, Ala. Died Feb., 1899.

Preer, Peter J., B. S. Columbus, Ga., 1891. Post office department, Columbus, Ga.

Harwood, Sempster L. Uniontown, Ala., 1891. Manufacturer, Uniontown, Ala.

Hunter, Robert F. Macon, Ga., 1891. Court stenographer, Macon, Ga.

Janney, Edward C. Montgomery, Ala., 1892. Merchant, Montgomery, Ala.

Howard, Charles L. Columbus, Ga., 1892. Merchant, Columbus, Ga.

Allen, William S., B. S., M. E. Montgomery, Ala., 1892. B. S., M. E. Ala. Poly. Inst.; mining engineer, Montgomery, Ala.

Herbert, William F., LL. B. Montgomery, Ala., 1892. LL. B. Univ. of Ala., 1900; attorney-at-law, Montgomery, Ala.

*Bussey, William Wallace, B. S. Columbus, Ga., 1892. B.S. Ala. Poly. Inst. Died Nov., 1895, Savannah, Ga.

Guillatte, William Baxter. Auburn, Ala., 1892. Merchant, Auburn, Ala.

Borup, George Doan. St. Louis, Mo., 1892. Montgomery Ala.

Holt, John Henry, B. S., M. E., E. E. Montgomery, Ala., 1892. B. S., M. E., E. E. Ala. Poly. Inst.; mining engineer, Washington, D. C.

Foster, Thomas G., Jr., B. S. Montgomery, Ala., 1890. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.

Wilkerson, Augustus R., Jr. Columbus, Ga., 1893. Merchant, Columbus, Ga.

Hewlett, Thomas I., Jr. Montgomery, Ala., 1893. Montgomery, Ala.

Scott, Frank Duncan. Montgomery, Ala., 1893. Notre Dame University, Montgomery, Ala.

Thomas, Frank H., M. D. Valdosta, Ga., 1893. Graduate Med. Col., Philadelphia, Pa.; physician, Valdosta, Ga.

Bickerstaff, Hugh, B. S. Seale, Ala., 1893. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; electrician, Troy, N. Y.

Jennings, Benjamin G., B. S. Seale, Ala., 1893. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst., Seale, Ala.

Taylor, Alexander C. Montgomery, Ala., 1893. Cotton business, Montgomery, Ala.

Knight, Roy N. Anniston, Ala., 1894. Anniston, Ala.

Hardaway, Terry R. Montgomery, Ala., 1894. Clerk Ala. Midland R. R., Montgomery, Ala.

Bancroft, Marion J., B. S. Mobile, Ala., 1894. Merchant, Mobile, Ala.

Whiting, Robert Caldwell. Montgomery, Ala., 1894. L. & W. R. R., Montgomery, Ala.

Stewart, William L., B. S. Montgomery, Ala., 1895. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst., meat inspector, Montgomery, Ala.

Warren, James C., B. S. Montgomery, Ala., 1894. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; wholesale grocer, Montgomery, Ala.

Warren, William F., B. S. Montgomery, Ala., 1895. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst., Montgomery, Ala.

Jackson, Absalon, Jr., B. S. Mobile, Ala., 1895. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst., Ocean Springs, Miss.

Jones, Clarence M., B. S. Montgomery, Ala., 1895. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst., Gen. Ft. office, L. & N. R. R., Montgomery, Ala.

Mixon, John M., B. S. Evergreen, Ala., 1895. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; merchant and planter, Evergreen, Ala.

Leonard, William P., B. S. Talbotton, Ga., 1895. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst., clerk, Talbotton, Ga.

Clark, Alexander H., B. S., M. S., McGehee's Switch, Ala. 1895. B. S., M. S. Ala. Poly. Inst., teacher, Baton Rouge, La.

Clay, James C. Montgomery, Ala., 1894. Clerk, Montgomery, Ala.

Scott, Frank N., M. S. Selma, Ala., 1894. M. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; bookkeeper, Selma, Ala.

Henderson, Hampton S., M. S. Talledega, Ala., 1895. M. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.

Matthews, James F., B. S. Anniston, Ala., 1895. B. S. Univ. of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.; attorney-at-law, Anniston, Ala.

Taylor, Benjamin A., M. A. Antangarub, Ala., 1896. M. A. Ala. Poly. Inst.; vice president State Agricultural College, Wetumpka, Ala.

Barnett, Thomas M. Verbena, Ala., 1895. Student Ala. Poly. Inst., Auburn, Ala.

Collins, Robert W., B. S. Gallion, Ala., 1896. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; medical student Tulane Univ., New Orleans, La.

Bingham, Arthur J. Talledega, Ala., 1896. Talladega, Ala.

Fant, Oliver H. P., M. E. Anderson, S. C., 1896. M. E. Ala. Poly. Inst., electrician, Anderson, Ala.

Rush, John O., B. S. Auburn, Ala., 1896. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; veterinary surgeon, Selma, Mo.

Henson, Walter A. Chattanooga, Tenn., 1886. B. E. Ala. Poly. Inst.; electrician, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Burke, Judson L. Auburn, Ala., 1896. Student Ala. Poly. Inst.

Cobb, Carmatte A. Montgomery, Ala., 1896. Student Tulane Univ. New Orleans, La.

Stone, Edward W. Montgomery, Ala., 1896. With Bell Tel. Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Peabody, James Royden. Columbus, Ga., 1896. Student Ala. Poly. Inst.

Toomer, Shell H., B. S. Auburn, Ala., 1896. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; druggist, Auburn, Ala.

Farley, Flake E., B. S. Opelika, Ala., 1897. B. S. Ala. Poly. Inst.; warehouseman, Opelika, Ala.

Harrison, Wallace Ben. Munford, Ala., 1897. Law student, Munford, Ala.

McGehee, James H. Montgomery, Ala., 1897. Student Ala. Poly. Inst.

Warren, Arthur Holt. Montgomery, Ala., 1897. Merchant, Montgomery, Ala.

Hannon, William W. Montgomery, Ala., 1897. C. E. Ala. Poly. Inst., 1900; draughtsman Pratt Gin Co., Montgomery, Ala.

Willis, Edward Houston. Auburn, Ala., 1897. Student Ala. Poly. Inst.

McKenzie, Kenneth B. Dunham, Ala., 1897. Graduate Ala. Poly. Inst., 1900.

Collins, Charles W., B. S. Gallion, Ala., 1898. Law student, Birmingham, Ala.

McGehee, William Boyd. Montgomery, Ala., 1898. Student Ala. Poly. Inst.

Hannon, Alexander C. Montgomery, Ala., 1898. Student Ala. Poly. Inst.

Sistrunk, Walter E. Tallassee, Ala. 1898. Graduate Ala. Poly. Inst., 1900.

Smith, Holland McT. Opelika, Ala., 1898. Student Ala. Poly. Inst.

Bullard, Ellerslie W. Oxford, Ala., 1898. Student Ala. Poly. Inst.

Merriweather, Benjamin Baldwin. Mt. Meegs. Ala. 1898. Student Ala. Poly. Inst.

Collins, Clyde A. Gallion, Ala., 1899. Student Ala. Poly. Inst.

Arnold, Robertson T. Gainesville, Fla., 1899. Student Ala. Poly. Inst.

Wiley, Walter Harvey. Troy, Ala., 1899. Student Ala. Poly. Inst.

Gray, Arthur R. Ocala, Fla., 1899. Student Ala. Poly. Inst.

Finch, William Eugene. Ocala, Fla., 1899. Student Ala. Poly. Inst.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

ALA. ALPHA EPSILON.—Bro. William J. Samford, governor of Alabama, was one of the speakers at the Epworth League conference for the M. E. Church South. Bro. George H. Lamar, Worthy Grand Scribe, was also a prominent speaker at the conference.

ALA. BETA DELTA.—Bro. John C. Pugh is practicing law, with offices in the Steiner Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. He is still interested in securing an amendment to the fraternity constitution changing the date of congress from winter to summer, and believes that thereby a larger attendance and greater interest would be secured.

CAL. BETA PSI.—Bro. Robert P. Cross has returned to Stanford University, to continue his college work. Bro. Davis, of Tenn. Beta Pi, is also at the University, while Bros. Stewart Young and J. C. L. Fish are members of the Stanford faculty. Bro. Young spent last year abroad on leave of absence in his seventh year of service, in accordance with the vacation rule which prevails at Palo Alto.

GA. ALPHA THETA.—Bro. John T. Bowen is secretary of the faculty of the Roanoke Normal College, at Roanoke, Ala., and is also professor of Sciences and English. He and his friends were greatly surprised by the following item in the *Atlanta Constitution* of Oct. 8: "The many friends of Mr. John Bowen, of the class of '99, will be interested to hear of the announcement of his marriage to Miss Nita Madge Hardeman, of Decatur. Miss Hardeman is a daughter of the late Hon. R. N. Hardeman and for a number of years resided in Oxford, where she numbers her friends by the score. Mr. Bowen was one of the most popular men in his class and was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity." While Miss Hardeman and Bro. Bowen are acquaintances and good friends, there is no ground for the erroneous report and the news item is purely a product of the vivid reportorial imagination. Bro. Bowen has received many

letters of congratulation, as a result, and, doubtless, the young lady has been similarly annoyed.

Bro. W. M. McIntosh, A. B., is president of Grenada college, Grenada, Miss.

GA. ALPHA ZETA.—Bro. R. O. Jones, '93, is practicing law at Newnan, Ga., with offices in the Arnall and Farmer Building.

GA. BETA IOTA.—Referring to the sad death of Bro. Alex. Whitney who was initiated by this chapter and affiliated with N. Y. Beta Theta, and who was shot in cold blood by a young negro on May '13th last, at Augusta, Ga., the *Atlanta Constitution* says:

"Yeung Whitney was one of the most promising and popular figures in the commercial and social life of Augusta, and was so generally known and cordially esteemed that his murder came as a poignant personal misfortune to nearly everybody in that city. He was the son of one of the most prominent men of the town, and occupied no inconspicuous place himself in society and business. He was a fellow of sterling worth and engaging manner, and in his circle of personal friends took in practically all of Augusta.

"He was also widely known here at Atlanta, where he lived for some four years, attending the Technological school, and his record as a student and an athlete is still pointed to with pride by the faculty and the men of that institution. As a baseball player, particularly in athletics, he was the idol of the school and of the public, and the hope and the strength of the 'Tech's team, with his ever steadily brilliant playing. The plaudits and the laurels he won during the three years were many and he wore them with modesty that bespoke the manner of man he was; and while he appreciated them, they were not sufficient to divert him from the more serious purpose of his attendance upon the school. He graduated from the Tech. with high scholastic as well as athletic honors.

"He went from here to Cornell, where he took a course, and only returned to his home, in Augusta, to live about a year ago. But he had already come prominently forward in his town, and

in his death Augusta loses one of the flowers of her young manhood."

ILL. GAMMA ZETA.—Bro. Charles W. Noble is in charge of the construction of two new buildings at the Navy Yards at Norfolk, Va. He has left the employ of Armour & Co., Chicago, and now represents another Chicago firm of contractors, who are doing work in the South. He expects to be away from Chicago for some time, but will return there ultimately.

Bro. Newcomer is now at Hot Springs, S. Dak., and expects to return to college and complete his medical course, having resigned his position as steward at the Soldier's home.

Bro. Chester S. Van Brundt is attending the University of Colorado, at Boulder.

Bro. Parker H. Hoag, Secretary of the Chicago Alumni Association, is senior member of the firm of Hoag & Martin, which has built up a very desirable practice.

IND. GAMMA GAMMA.—Bro. W. O. Mundy, who has been in the employ of the General Electric Co., writes from New York that he may soon go to Australia for a year or more.

KENTUCKY MU.—Brother Walter W. Faw, Kentucky Mu, who was also associated with Bro. Zac Tolliver in the reorganization of Tenn. Lambda in 1899, has removed from Johnson City, Tenn., to Franklin, Tenn., where he is engaged in the practice of law.

LA. BETA EPSILON.—Bro. J. O. Nixon is in the employ of the Link Belt Engineering Co., as the president's personal assistant, engaged in experimental work.

MICH. BETA KAPPA.—Bro. G. Thayer Jordan was married Oct. 17th, to Miss Cordelia Thompson, at Nanticoke, Pa. They will be "at home" after November first, at Citronelle, Ala.

Bro. Chas. H. Lyon is foreman for the Ill. Beet Sugar Co., at Pekin, Ill.

Bro. E. V. DePew has begun the study of medicine at the University of Chicago.

Bro. N. A. Jackson, '00, Bates College, Maine, is teaching at Lebanon, New Hampshire.

Bro. Fred Miller, '98, is engaged as Professor of Greek and Latin at Keuka College, N. Y.

Bro. J. M. Weaver, '96, is in Detroit City schools.

Bro. F. E. Garlough, '00, is in Military Academy on Hudson, New York.

Bro. Granville Trace has returned from Texas and entered Hillsdale College.

ME. BETA UPSILON.—Bro. A. F. Brown, 1901, will not return to college this fall, having taken a good position with the Maine Condensed Milk Co., at Newport, Me., with bright prospects of advancement. He expects to attend the congress at Boston.

Bro. Patten, '97, who, after his graduation, was employed in the experiment station at Orono, has accepted a similar position at the New York station.

Bros. Goodwin and Merrill, ex 1903, are both in Boston, the former at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the latter taking a course at the Bryant and Stratton Commercial College.

MICH. ALPHA MU.—Bro. Lewis H. Painter and Miss Edith Isadore Henry, of Bushnell, Ill., were married at the home of the bride on July 17th last, and are now at home at 15 Roslyn Place, Chicago. The *Bushnell Record* of July 20th refers to the bride and groom as follows: "Mr. Painter is a prosperous young attorney in Chicago. He was formerly engaged in practice at Macamb, and is well known to many McDonough county people. He is a man of good character and fine attainments, and has the respect and esteem of all who know him. His bride is the eldest daughter of Smith T. Henry. She was born in Bushnell and grew to womanhood here. She is a most handsome, accomplished and lovable young lady, and Mr. Painter is to be heartily congratulated." Bro. Painter is now connected with the Security Title & Trust Co. of Chicago, and has long been a popular member of the Chicago Alumni Association.

MICH. BETA OMICRON.—Bro. Frank A. Fall, '99, of Albion,

has returned to Columbia University with a \$650. fellowship in Comparative Literature.

Bro. B. S. Hopkins is at Columbia for his Ph. D. degree in chemistry.

Bro. H. M. Beal, 1900, of Albion, is reporting for the *Albion Daily News*.

Bro. R. D. Engle, ex 1901, of Petoskey, Mich., will enter the course in civil engineering at the University of Michigan after Christmas.

Bro. C. H. Fenn is one of the most popular ministers of Leavenworth, Kas., and is much liked at the University of Kansas, where he is occasionally heard.

MICH. BETA LAMBDA.—Bro. George M. Hosack is vice-president of the Carnegie Coal Co., whose mines are located in Carnegie, Pa., on the Pan Handle R'y., with a daily capacity of 600 tons, and a capital stock of \$100,000. On Aug. 6th last Bro. Hosack greeted a little Alpha Tau girl in his household.

Bro. Harry I. Van Tuyl is now practicing medicine at No. 435 E. 61st St., Chicago.

N. Y. ALPHA OMICRON.—Bro. J. H. Gannon, Jr., is in partnership with Bro. John M. Thompson, as real estate brokers, with offices at 149 Broadway and 85 Liberty St., New York City.

On September 26th last, Bro. Lawrence Harold Woods and Miss Florence Clements Gannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gannon, of Canton, N. Y., and sister of Bro. J. H. Gannon, Jr., of N. Y. Alpha Omicron, were married at the home of the bride. They are at home at Santa Clara, Cuba.

Bro. Chauncey W. Martyn, president of the Chicago Alumni Association, has made quite a large number of speeches in the presidential campaign.

N. Y. BETA THETA.—Bro. Percy A. Robbins, who has been in South Africa for several years, and who left Johannesburg at the breaking out of the Boer war, making his headquarters at Durban, where he was in the employ of the General Electric Co., is now located at Kimberley, and is electrical and mechanical en-

gineer to the famous De Beers Co., which produces nearly ninety-five per cent of the diamonds in the market. As such he is third on the managing staff. He is associated in his work with Bro. A. F. Williams, who is assistant manager of the same company.

What amounted to almost a double Alpha Tau wedding occurred at Oswego, N. Y., last June. On the 19th of that month, Bro. W. C. Truman and Miss Willia Clark Bassett were married, and, on the 20th, Bro. G. D. Truman and Miss Jeanette Billings Orcutt followed their example. Both couples are residing in Oswego.

Bro. Cottrell, '97, expects to spend the winter in Colorado for his health.

Bro. M. M. Drake and Miss Agnes M. Auchinvole were married at Buffalo, N. Y., on June 23rd last. Bro. Drake is studying at the Michigan school of mines, at Houghton.

Bro. W. M. Irish is chemist with the Solar Refining Co., of Lima, Ohio.

Bro. Thos. Henry Nicholls and Miss Rose Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freenan, were married at the home of the bride at Oakland, Cal., on Oct. 3rd, 1900. Bro. Nicholls is one of the successful young lawyers of San Francisco.

N. C. ALPHA ETA.—Bro. Hugh Martin is now located in Birmingham, Ala., as a member of the firm of Miller & Martin, architects, with offices in the Hood building.

N. C. ALPHA DELTA.—Bro. Thomas Ruffin, province chief of Province III, after completing an elaborate law course, which won the degree of Doctor of Civil Laws in the School of Comparative Jurisprudence and Diplomacy, at Columbian University, Washington, D. C., has accepted a flattering offer as associate professor of law, at his *alma mater*, the University of North Carolina.

O. ALPHA NU.—Bro. Emmett F. Eldredge is still connected with the Lincoln High School, at Cleveland, O.

O. BETA MU.—Bro. J. A. Beam is attending the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Chicago.

O. BETA OMEGA.—Bro. John S. Boggess is now in the U. S.

Marine Hospital service, stationed at Chicago. He was successful in a very severe competitive examination. Bro. Boggess is assisted in maintaining his establishment by his charming sister, and any brother is accordingly fortunate who enjoys their hospitality. He has just been transferred to Philadelphia.

Bro. H. Stanley Carr has returned to the University of Kansas, where he is a member of the faculty. His address is 1308 Ohio St., Lawrence, Kas.

PA. ALPHA IOTA.—Bro. Edward Raker is reading law in the office of Mr. W. H. H. Oram, at Shamokin, Pa. He remains a thoroughly enthusiastic Alpha Tau, and is interested in a chapter house fund for his chapter.

PA. ALPHA UPSILON,—Bro. Charles G. Bikle, formerly of Glen Gardner, N. J., is now preaching at Dansville, N. Y.

R. I. GAMMA DELTA.—Bro. Coghill, Brown '96, who has been doing biological work in the University of New Mexico, has returned to Brown to do graduate work in the same department.

Bro. Isaac Wallman, of Harvard Law School, has recently become engaged.

Bro. D. F. O'Brien revisited Brown this fall.

Bro. Geo. E. Walker is married to Miss Alice Coombs, of Somerworth, N. H.

Bro. Chas. Nott, one of our founders, instructor in the University of California and captain of the faculty football team, was married during the past summer.

Bro. Gilbert E. Batchelder, Brown 1900, is at Columbia University.

Bro. John Emory is coaching the Worcester Academy football team.

Bro. H. S. Pratt, captain of the Brown team of 1899-1900, is playing football with the Du Quesne A. C. He will return to Brown this winter.

Bro. Stoddard, Brown 1900, is studying law,

Bro. Wm. Gunn is with Brooks Marine Band, Chicago.

TENN. ALPHA TAU,—Bro. John K. Ottley is cashier and a heavy stockholder in the Fourth National Bank of Atlanta, Ga.,

and would like to attend the Congress at Boston, if he can arrange his business so as to enable him to do so.

Bro. T. W. Gregory is the senior member of the law firm of Gregory & Batts, of Austin, Tex., and is one of the ablest practitioners of that city.

TENN, BETA PI.—Bro. W. R. Stephens, in company with Bro. John J. Merrill, of O. Beta Mu, has been traveling in Europe for several months. They are now at Berlin to continue their work. Bro. Merrill is studying piano with the renowned Jedliczka, and Bro. Stephens is studying medicine at the University of Berlin. They extend their greetings to all chapters and brothers through the PALM, and wish them all success during the spiking season. Their address is Charlottenberg, bei Berlin, Pestalozzistr. 6.

TENN, LAMBDA.—The *Houston News* of August 14th last, in a communication relating to Texas soldiers in the Philippines, refers as follows to Bro. E. P. Bujac, now a lieutenant in service in those islands: "Lieut. Bujac re-enlisted for service in the Philippines, and by worth and bravery, has secured a commission in Col. Hare's regiment. In a letter received here a few days ago from a comrade, the story of Lieut. Bujac's promotion was briefly given. It is as follows: South Texas will be glad to hear of the promotion of one of her gallant sons, who was captain of company H (Houston) of the Galveston Immune regiment, First United States volunteer infantry. I refer to Lieut. Bujac, who enlisted in the Thirty-Third as a private. He rose to the grade of regimental major and held that position at the battle of San Fabian. He was the first man to get ashore under fire. At San Jacinto the band laid aside their instruments and were commanded by Sergt. Major Bujac. Col. Hare saw him as he led the gallant band across the river, waist-deep, and charged a trench, and he was made a second lieutenant in the vacancy incidental to the death of Major Logan. It may be interesting to note that Sergeant Coe, a cousin of Mark Hanna, was after the appointment. At the battle of Tagrodan Mountain he won a medal of honor for being the first man in the trenches. After that Gen. Young

made him provost judge of Abra province, which position he still holds."

TENN. PI.—Bro. J. W. Caldwell, (1872), is practicing law at Knoxville, Tenn. Bro. Caldwell is a trustee of the University of Tennessee, author of two interesting volumes, "The Bench and Bar of Tennessee" and "Constitutional History of Tennessee." and a member of the American Historical Society.

Bro. Robert P. Toole, (1872), is on the editorial staff of the *Houston Post*, Houston, Texas.

TENN. OMEGA.—Bro. James Craik Morris and Miss Edith Garland Tucker were married at St. Matthews Cathedral, Dallas, Tex., on Nov. 1st, 1900. The ceremony was performed by Right Rev. Bishop A. C. Garrett, assisted by Dean Stuck, and was fully choral. Bro. Isaac Ball, Tenn. Omega, was best man, and Bro. Robert Gaston, of the same chapter, was one of the ushers. After the church ceremony, there was a reception at the bride's home, and afterward Mr. and Mrs. Morris left for Louisville, Ky., to visit the groom's parents. They will be at home at 32 St. James Place, Brooklyn, in which city Bro. Morris is assistant rector of St. James Cathedral.

VT. BETA ZETA.—This chapter has published in handy form, a printed catalogue of its members, showing a total membership of 97, 96 of whom are living.

Bro. Don F. Andrus, '89, is principal of Lunenberg Academy, Lunenberg, Vt.

G. H. Claffin, '90, has bought a half interest in the American House, the leading hotel in St. Albans, Vt.

H. W. Shaw, ex '94, is receiving clerk of the Vermont Farm Machine Co., Bellows Falls, Vt.

Fred S. Wright, '94, is practicing law at Woodsville, N. H.

H. P. Hanson, '96, is practicing medicine at Barre, Vt.

C. A. Bates, '96, is doing the same at Royalston, Mass.

F. P. Brown, ex '95, is a pianist at 238 W 116th St., New York City.

G. P. Lamson, '00, is prospecting at Manzanilla, Cuba.

B. H. Stone, '97, of the Vermont state board of health labora-

tories, read a paper the latter part of October before the national board of health convention at Indianapolis, Ind. This is a high honor for so young a man.

VA. BETA.—In June last, Bro. Clifton R. Breckenridge was appointed by the president as commissioner to negotiate with the Indians of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Muscogee and Seminole nations (the Dawes commisison).

Bro. Monte J. Goble, 89-91, is cashier of the Big Sandy National Bank, at Catlettsburg, Ky.

VA. DELTA.—On April 30th last, at noon, in Grace church, Washington, occurred the marriage of Bro. William Corcoran Eustis, Va. Delta, '81, and Miss Edith L. Morton, eldest daughter of ex-Vice President and ex-Gov. Levi P. Morton. "The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Huntington, rector of the church, assisted by Bishop Potter. The service was choral, the church most elaborately decorated, and a large and fashionable congregation was gathered to see the ceremony. After the ceremony there was a breakfast at the Morton residence, 681 Fifth Avenue. The floral decorations were most elaborate."

Bro. Forney Johnston, M. A., University of Virginia, LL. B. University of Alabama, is practicing law at Birmingham, Ala.

Bro. Henry Augustine Jones is a lawyer in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

On June 30th last, Bro. Hampson Gary, who was his chapter's delegate at the Nashville Congress, and is now a practicing lawyer at Tyler, Texas, was nominated at Gilmer, Texas, by the flatorial convention as its candidate to represet Smith, Upshur and Camp counties in the Texas legislature. Bro. Gary was born in Tyler, Apr. 23, 1873, and comes of an old South Carolina family of lawyers, soldiers and orators. His ancestors came to America long before the Revolution and settled in Buckingham County, Va., about 1760, and afterward removed to Newberry, South Carolina. Referring to Bro. Gary, a local Texas paper says:

"Hampson Gary was educated in the public schools of his home and in Bingham school, North Carolina, delivering the

valedictory at the latter school upon his graduation in 1890. Later he attended the University of Virginia where he finished his literary education and began the study of law. While at this famous institution of learning, founded by Thomas Jefferson, he was president of the Jefferson literary society, associate editor of the University Monthly Magazine; editor-in-chief of the weekly College Topics; and editor-in-chief of the college annual, "Corks and Curls." In his graduating year the students chose him as presiding officer for the finals of 1894; as such he delivered the opening address at commencement in June and introduced the orators of the day, Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, and Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, at that time Vice-President of the United States.

'Mr. Gary began the practice of law at Tyler in the fall of 1894 and his ability and industry being recognized, his advancement has been steady and continuous.

"Upon the breaking out of the Spanish-American war and the call for volunteers, Mr. Gary organized and was elected captain of the Smith County Rifles, and with his command was mustered into the Fourth Texas United States Volunteers. He served nearly a year as captain in the United States army, and then upon muster out of his regiment he returned to Tyler and again took up the practice of the law. Mr. Gary has only recently been elected major of the Third Texas Infantry of the newly organized state militia. Mr. Gary, like all his family before him, is a staunch democrat and always contends vigorously for democratic principles and democratic nominees. He has been a delegate to three state conventions of the democratic party and to several congressional and district conventions. H. is a good student, an interesting speaker and a lawyer of real ability. Frank, generous and winning in manner he is liked and respected by all classes. It can safely be predicted that he will represent with dignity and honor the counties of Smith, Upshur and Camp in the twenty-seventh Texas legislature."

VA. RHO,—Bro. Alfred J. Stofer spent a large part of the month of July in the West, attending the Kansas City con.

vention, visiting his friend, Col. Bryan, in Lincoln, and friends in St. Louis.

VIRGINIA EPSILON.—Bro. William B. Bowles is a member of the Virginia House of Delegates. His home is Salem, Va.,

Bro. Samuel M. Terrill is a surgeon in the U. S. Navy at San Francisco, Cal.

Bro. Robt. W. Kime, of Salem, Va., is Commonwealth Attorney of Roanoke County.

Bro. Wm. J. Moon, Jr., formerly of Salem, Va., is with the Southern Ry. Co., at Memphis, Tenn.

Bro. Chas. E. Roop, formerly of Uniontown, Md., having taken his M. D. at Jefferson College, Philadelphia, is practicing medicine at Atlantic City, N. J.

Bro. John T. Trout is cashier of the First National Bank, of Roanoke, Va.

Bro. Preston Blair Smith is a real estate broker in Rochester, N. Y.

Bro. Walter E. Lee is now located at Sumpter, S. C.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

YOU can obtain copies of the Fraternity Catalogue of 360 pages from the Worthy Grand Chief at \$1.50 per copy; also engraved certificates of membership for \$5, proceeds going to chapter house fund.

Answer all communications from grand officers *at once*.

You must have a letter in *each* number of the PALM, or the \$5 fine provided by Congress for failure to do so will be strictly enforced. It should contain all the news, but must be condensed as much as possible on account of the large number of chapters.

It is expected that No. 2, Vol. XXI, will appear about Feb. 15th, 1901, and chapter correspondents should forward letters for that number by February 1st, 1901. If these dates are changed, due notice will be given chapters,

Punctuate carefully and write plainly. Be very particular about making the spelling of names legible.

Send in all the personals and clippings you can, *separate from your chapter letter*.

Follow the form of the heading of letters as they appear in the PALM, giving merely the name of chapter, college and town. Dates and all other superfluous matter should be omitted. An observance of this rule will save the editor much time

Owing to the large number of chapters, chapter letters must not exceed 500 words. Bear this in mind. Never write on both sides of the sheet for publication.

See that your chapter's PALM dues are paid promptly *in advance* for each active member. Every active member *must* subscribe for the PALM. *This requirement must be strictly complied with.*

Be a little careful about the use of superlatives and general boastfulness. Be enthusiastic, but not bombastic. Your fraternity is the best there is, and she does not need constant strained panegyrics.

ALA. ALPHA EPSILON, ALA. POLY. INST., AUBURN.

It is with great pleasure that Alpha Epsilon again extends most cordial greetings and sincere fraternal love to all loyal Alpha Taus and sister chapters.

We entered upon the rushing season with a force of twelve active men and now have united in the bonds of fraternal love nineteen worthy brothers, who we feel and hope will be a credit to the fraternity at large.

We were very successful this year, having initiated six men and another comes to us from Ala. Beta Beta.

We are delighted that we may present to the fraternal world: Bros. Sistrunk '02, Tallassee, Ala., Chandler, '02, Tabor, '03, Burke, '03, all from Montgomery, Ala., Danial, '03, from College Park, Ga., and Bro. McDuffie, '04, who comes to us from Ala. Beta Beta.

There has been a great deal of fighting between the Greeks and the Barbarians and so far the "Barbs." have been successful, for they have a large majority and are thoroughly organized.

But in the corps of cadets, where merit tells, we have our share of offices, for Bro. Wills is captain, Bros. McGehee, Meriwether, and Arnold are lieutenants, and Bro. Collins is sergeant and, as the promotions for corporal have not as yet come off, we cannot say what we will do there, but hope to carry off at least four or five of the offices.

Alpha Epsilon also has two men on the football team and Bro. Wills holds the presidency of the Tennis club.

The chapter report last year showed us to have our full share of honors and, from the present outlook, there is no reason to believe we will fall short this year. The brothers are congenial and full of genuine Alpha Tau spirit and everything bids fair for one of the most happy and prosperous years in the history of our chapter.

We had very good luck to have Bros. Burke and McGehee, who graduated last year, with us during the rushing season and Bro. Burke stayed with us some time, but we are inclined to think that a certain young lady had more to do with the visit than the chapter, although Bro. Burke is one of the most loyal of our alumni.

We also had a most delightful visit from Bro. J. D. Rush, '99, for Bro. Rush always instills in the boys a spirit for work and, as he again stirred up the chapter house question, we have started on that line of work with all our might and we hope to be able to build before long.

Bro. Smith, H.M., has been appointed to represent us at the congress and it is the sincerest hope of our chapter that each chapter of our beloved brotherhood may do just those things that will accomplish the greatest good for A. T. O.

We wish prosperity to the PALM and to all our sister chapters. May all the individual brothers have a year full of success, joy and happiness.

ALEXANDER C. HANNON, Cor.

ALA. BETA BETA, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, GREENSBORO.

The summer, with its joys and pleasures, has flown, and autumn, which brings us back to our sacred Temple of Friendship, now is here.

Eleven A.T.O.'s were present at the opening of the collegiate year.

Among the new students were three whom we found worthy to share the truths of our noble brotherhood. So we lost no time in lifting the mystic veil for their admission. Here are their names: Bro. F. E. Chapman, '02, of Grove Hill, Ala.; Bro. J. W. Frazer, '04, of Evergreen, Ala., and Bro. F. H. Bryant, '04, of Avondale, Ala. These are excellent young men and true wearers of the Maltese cross.

Bro. L. C. Steele, of Anniston, Ala., was with us at the opening. He expects to return after the Christmas holidays.

We are glad to have with us again Bros. R. E. Ledbetter and M. N. Carpenter.

At the annual reception given by the Y. M. C. A. to the new students, Bro. C. L. Chilton, Jr., delivered the address of welcome. Bro. F. E. Chapman responded in behalf of the new students.

Bros. J. W. Frazer and Chapman are on for Ladies' Debate from the Belles Letters society.

On the staff of the college magazine, Bros. D. E. Shoaff and C. L. Chilton, are associate editor and editor-in-chief, respectively. Bro. A. C. Davis is business manager.

We have in the senior class of 1900-1901 Bro. Shoaff, A. B., and Bro. Chilton, A. M.

Bro. Chilton is college organist.

Bro. E. K. Turner, M. A., who has been filling the chair of ancient languages with eminent success, is in Leipsic, Germany, on leave of absence. The vacancy is supplied by E. L. Colebeck, M. A., Ph.D.

We are to give a reception on Oct. 19th, which we hope will give new zest to the social side of college life. Appropriate

talks have been arranged, and the brothers are looking forward to an enjoyable occasion at that time.

We would not close this even now rather lengthy epistle, without saying a word about the condition of our present chapter. Our brothers are loyal, congenial, enthusiastic. Every Monday afternoon at 4:10 we meet in the chapter hall and kindle the sparks of truth struck from the altar of our common principles into bright flames of fraternal love.

With best wishes for the success of all A. T. O's in their fall work.

T. M. PURCELL, Cor.

ALA. BETA DELTA, UNIV. OF ALA., TUSCALOOSA.

The university opened Sept. 19th, and our prospects for this year were far from flattering at the beginning. We lost six men by graduation last year and one of our men failed to return this year, leaving us rather weak numerically. Immediately on our arrival, however, we went to work and are glad to report the initiation of four new members, each one of whom we count as victories, since all were eagerly sought after by other fraternities. Bro. J. B. Ennis has matriculated again and Bro. A. H. Clark, of Ala. Alpha Epsilon, is affiliating with us while taking a law course, making the total number in chapter fifteen.

Besides having representatives on the editorial staff of the college paper and one as president of one of the literary societies, Bro. W. E. Drennen is Capt. Co. B., the highest office in his class, Bro. Guice is 1st Sgt. Co. A., the highest of his class, and Bro. A. H. Wellborn is manager of the football team, which bids fair to give a good account of itself. I think we will be represented on the 'varsity eleven by at least two men.

We are in receipt of an invitation from the alumni chapter in Montgomery, Ala., to a banquet to be given to Governor-elect Bro. W. J. Samford on the night after his inauguration. Perhaps quite a number of us will attend what promises to be a very enjoyable affair.

The following are the names and addresses of our new initiates this year: T. O. Galespie, '04, Birmingham, Ala., J. M. Daniels, '04, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Woolsey Van-Hoose, '04, Tuscaloosa, Ala. J. F. Alston, '04, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The chapter is making arrangements to send a delegate to the congress at Boston and we hope to make our report as good as any in our province.

Greetings and best wishes to sister chapters.

M. W. HARDY, Cor.

CAL. GAMMA IOTA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY.

All our members returned to college at the opening of the fall term in August. The freshman class this year has exceeded all of its predecessors, numbering over six hundred, and from it we have been able to select some promising members for Alpha Tau Omega. At our first "swing," A. W. Palmer, '01, William J. Baxter, '03, and Morten Austin, '04, were initiated and, on Oct. 8th, Geo. Quinan, '03, William Elliot, '04, and Edward Hamlen, '04. In addition, we have at present one man pledged.

We are at home this year in a house which we rent from Bro. Powers and which we have furnished very comfortably by a special assessment for that purpose. We have had Bro. Percival G. Lewis, our frater in facultate, and several of our alumni brothers in San Francisco over to dinner, and they expressed themselves as much pleased at our chapter house and general progress. We have a standing committee appointed to look after having a new house built for us next year if possible.

Our officers for the present term are as follows: Bro. Barham, W. M.; Bro. Peck, W. C.; Bro. Lashlee, W. K. E.; Bro. Lamberson, W. K. A.; Bro. Baxter, W. Scribe; Bro. Shaffer, W. U; Bro. Austin, W. Sentinel.

Bro. Barham is a lieutenant in the university cadets, and Bro. Quinan is a corporal. Bro. Clay is sure of the position of guard on the varsity eleven while Bro. Ellis, who is instructor in zoology this year, is also acting as sub-coach, having general supervision of the backs. Bro. Plumb, of Gamma Beta, Tuft's College, is an instructor in chemistry and is living with the nine men at the chapter house. Bro. Bigelow is assistant manager of the *Occident*, the college weekly.

ALBERT W. PALMER, Cor.

GA. ALPHA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, ATHENS.

Ga. Alpha Beta wishes to send her greetings to her sister chapters and begs to introduce among them her last initiates: Bros. Paul Brown, law class, Hartwell, Ga., M. C. Carter, '04, Dublin, Ga., L. L. Griner, '03, Dublin, Ga., J. H. Hodgson, '04, Athens, Ga., J. K. Jordan, '02, Milledgeville, Ga., M. Rambo, '04, Marietta, Ga., Geo. V. Welsh, Marietta, Ga., '04. Affiliates, W. H. Bullard, '02, Milledgeville, Ga., R. C. Roop, law class, Roopville, Ga.

Although only two old men returned, our chapter is in flourishing condition and the outlook for the coming year is very

bright. We lost Bros. M. L. Brown, V. L. Brown and Brodnax by graduation.

Bros. P. H. Brewster, Atlanta, Ga., and W. E. Willis, Elberton, Ga., of last year law class, are both practicing law in those towns, respectively.

Bro. U. B. Phillips, '97, who was tutor here for last three years, is now at Columbia College.

Bros. Powell and Cobb did not return.

Alpha Beta wishes success to all her sister chapters for the coming year.

J. H. McCALLA, Cor.

GA. ALPHA THETA, EMORY COLLEGE, OXFORD.

The fall opening of 1900, though most of the material was for the barbaric union, yet as a diamond is not without its brilliancy, so these matriculates were not without Grecians, and Alpha Theta, out of her wise judgment and arduous labor, is proud to request Alpha Tau to shake hands with Bro. Robert Bohannon Barnett, Grantville, Joseph Tolliver Bohannon, Grantville, William Nathaniel Banks, Grantville, James Franklin McGhee, Rome, Charles Fletcher Quillian, West Point, Garnet Wylie Quillian, Madison.

Too much praise cannot be credited Alpha Theta for her glorious success. Her roll now consists of seventeen members bound in the love and affection of Alpha Tau, harmoniously working and striving, not only for individual honors, but honor both for the chapter and A. T. O. The following is a summary of honors demanded by Alpha Tau quality and received almost without opposition: Bro. Quillian, 1901, literary editor *Zodiac*, Emory's Annual, Athletic editor *Phoenix*, Emory's magazine; Bro. Farmer, local editor *Phoenix*; Bros. Budd and Osborne, class poets; Bro. Hatcher, historian, and the PALM representative holds the secretaryship of the Athletic Association, Captain of Basket ball team, and will represent Alpha Theta at congress, to which he is looking forward with keenest pleasure.

Love and success to sister chapters.

HENRY E. MOORE, Cor.

GA. ALPHA ZETA, MERCER UNIVERSITY, MACON.

Contrary to her expectations, Alpha Zeta returned only five men. So far we have secured no new members, this being due almost altogether to the fact that the incoming students are not generally available as fraternity material.

Although we are few in numbers, the love and loyalty of

this chapter is of a concentrated character, and we shall maintain a conservative yet vigorous policy and uphold the honor of Alpha Tau in this institution. We are all looking forward with enthusiasm to the congress and expect an influx of life and enthusiasm from that event.

With fraternal greetings to sister chapters.

W. C. JONES, Cor.

GA. BETA IOTA, SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY, ATLANTA.

After three months of recreation, eleven of our old men returned to college; all were in high spirits, and each determined to work and raise the standard of Ga. Beta Iota and the fraternity at large higher than before, by bringing into our noble brotherhood men that we knew would be an honor to our chapter and fraternity. Our efforts to secure these men were as successful as one could possibly wish.

We take great pride in presenting to all Alpha Taus the following brothers initiated this year: Bro. W. Raleigh Perkins, Augusta, Ga.; Bro. John P. Hazzard, Georgetown, S. C.; and Bro. H. Banks Calloway, La Grange, Ga. We have two candidates for initiation at our next meeting Oct. 13, viz: Mr. Mathewson, Augusta, Ga., and Mr. Harrison, Atlanta. We can vouch for our candidates as we can for the initiates. At our last meeting we were favored by a visit from Bro. Sanford Dunson, of La Grange, Ga., and Bro. Tom Fisher, Newnan, Ga., both alumni of Ga. Beta Iota. Bro. Guy Cole has been elected to represent our chapter at congress. Bros. Raleigh Perkins, Sanford Dunson and others will also attend from our chapter.

The following officers were elected at our last meeting. Bro. Roy G. Merry, W. M.; Bro. Ike Hardiman, W. C.; Bro. Guy Cole, W. K. E.; Bro. Alfred Kennedy, W. Scribe; Bro. Jim West, W. K. A.; Bro. W. R. Perkins, W. U.; Bro. J. P. Hazzard, W. Sen.

The prospects for a very happy and most prosperous year are now brighter and more encouraging for our chapter. Every one seems instilled with new life and energy. We hope to have eighteen men soon and can safely predict a very successful year.

ROY G. MERRY, Cor.

ILLS. GAMMA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN.

Gamma Zeta wishes to extend greetings to the grand officers and to all other sister chapters. We are now located in a chapter house situated on Green street not far from the university. A month of the new life has sufficed to show us how much more satisfactory and how much more pleasant college life can

be made in this way. At present there are only twelve active members, ten in the house and two "Fratres in Urbe."

Two of these men we have initiated this year, Mr. Chas. E. Warren, of Jerseyville, and Mr. J. F. Churchill, of Keithsburg. The blue and the gold are also being worn by four others, Mr. Wright, of Greenville, Mr. Schneck, of Hot Springs, Mr. Martag, of Newton, Iowa, and Mr. Lanfield, Prof. in French.

Bro. Dunning, who was not with us last year, returned to school this fall.

Bros. Helton and Ellsworth have paid the chapter a visit.

Bros. Huthsteiner and Pine, of Ind. Gamma Gamma, played football here with the Rose Polytechnic team, and were entertained by Gamma Zeta.

Bro. T. A. Clark is, this year, serving as Dean of the College of Literature and Arts, during the absence of Dean Kinley.

Bro. Weston has returned to the university as instructor in Economics.

Bro. Scott is editor in chief of the *Illini*, our college tri-weekly.

Bro. A. D. Mulliken has just passed the Illinois bar examination and will locate here for practice.

We wish much success to all Alpha Taus, wherever they may be.

D. H. BAILEY, Cor.

IND. GAMMA GAMMA, ROSE POLY INST., TERRE HAUTE.

Indiana Gamma Gamma is on deck again. We lost one of our men last summer. Bro. Rust, who had an accident, just before leaving college last June, was unable to return this fall, on account of his health. At present, he is in New Mexico trying to regain his health.

Owing to a ruling of the faculty last year, we are not able to pledge or initiate any men until after Xmas. We have our eyes open and are doing a little rushing in a quiet sort of way and expect to initiate about four or five men when the time comes.

Two of our alumni, Bros. Ingle, '97. and Montgomery, '98, have visited us this year.

Bros. Huthsteiner and Pine, went over to Champaign, Ills., with the foot-ball team and were entertained by Gamma Zeta.

With best wishes to our sister chapters for the coming year.

CHEN. HOUSUM, Cor.

LA. BETA EPSILON, TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS.

Another year has dawned upon Tulane and Beta Epsilon.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we can once more extend to our sister chapters greetings and heartfelt wishes for a bright and prosperous session.

Tulane university has entered upon a new epoch in her history. With the coming of Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, college affairs seem to have taken a tremendous leap forward. The students seem to have absorbed some of the earnest and enthusiastic enterprise of their new president, who, although with us for short a time, has already won the heart of every student in the university.

Beta Epsilon is keeping pace with this progress and development. She has been, is and always will be in the place where she belongs. C. L. Eshleman, who graduated last June from the Arts and Science department, and whom we thought that we would lose, has decided to study medicine. To the above mentioned brother and to Bro. H. H. Chaffe, who will attend the Law department, we will look for much support. Bro. C. R. Matthews, who also graduated last June, has entered upon a commercial career. Bro. Clark Nixon has also gone into business. Bro. Logan Owens has gone back to Georgetown, where he studied before coming to Tulane.

Since our last letter we have initiated four fine men, the regular Alpha Tau material. It is now our pleasant duty to introduce, through the medium of the PALM, Bro. Isaac S. Eshleman, Bro. Richardson Leverich, Bro. J. Cornelius Rathbone, and last, but not least, Bro. Jno. Janvier (Bro. Janvier weighs in the neighborhood of 220 pounds.)

Our officers elected for the first term are as follows: Bro. H. L. Eustis, W. M.; Bro. C. L. Eshleman, W. C.; Bro. R. Eustis, W. K. A.; Bro. W. K. Leverich, W. K. E.; Bro. G. L. Dupré, Jr., W. Sc.; Bro. Chas. Green, W. U.; Bro. B. Finley, W. S.; and Bro. W. K. Leverich, correspondent.

The foot-ball outlook for this season is most promising. Under the direction of Coach Summersgill, who is widely known, the team should certainly make a fine showing.

Arrangements are on foot for the coming congress at Boston. Two or more of the brothers have signified their intention of accompanying our delegate. Whoever gets to Boston will certainly have the time of his life and will be only too sorry when the time comes to return home. With the success of all chapters at heart,

W. K. LEVERICH, Cor.

MASSACHUSETTS GAMMA BETA, TUFTS COLLEGE.

To the grand officers and sister chapters of Alpha Tau, Gamma Beta sends greeting for the new college year.

It has been remarked here that Alpha Tau has steadily gained ground for herself in this college, and, certainly, the prospects for this year bid fair to eclipse all previous records.

In the first place, where one year ago we had scarcely a man pledged at this season, we now have three new men initiated, with three more pledged, who, it is probable, will all be true brothers before this letter reaches the other chapters. It is with genuine pleasure and satisfaction, that we introduce our new brothers to the general fraternity, as follows:

Bro. Roy Eugene Wood, of Saco, Maine; Bro. Frank Coy Woodward, of Pepperell, Mass.; and Bro. Frank Lester Shaw, of Augusta, Maine.

The chapter is characterized at this time by a unanimity of effort, and a zeal for all that pertains to Alpha Tau, which is most gratifying to the older members.

The incoming class is the largest in the history of the college, and so it is no more than natural that Gamma Beta should share in the general prosperity of which this is a sign. But it is believed that the secret of our good start this year lay largely in the fact that four or five of the "upper class" brothers were back well before college opened, and by putting in plenty of "big licks," got the new chapter house into shape for occupancy, and so had an immediate rendezvous for the returning brothers, as well as having something worth while to show the Freshmen. We are boarding all our men at the chapter house, and if our dining room is small, it but the better tends to intimate relationships.

The congress committee of the Boston Alumni Ass'n. has held one or two meetings this summer, and we understand that all the preliminary work is practically done.

J. IRWIN TUCKER, Cor.

ME. BETA UPSILON. UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, ORONO.

The opening of the fall term of the University of Maine found fifteen loyal brothers assembled for another year's work, among them Bro. Whipple, ex-'98, who, after an absence of three years, will resume his course. The selections of new candidates was immediately begun and, as a result, we have already pledged seven men.

Bro. Wormell is captain of the foot-ball team. Bros. Cole

and Harris also represent us on the gridiron. Bro. Burton, Mass. Gamma Beta, is coaching the team.

Of our graduates we are pleased to say that they are all employed. Bro. Rollins is with the Hollingsworth & Whitney Co., Waterville; Bro. Judge is in Biddeford, Bro. Webster is working in a drafting room in Boston; Bro. Grey is taking a course in the Harvard Medical college, while Bro. Baswell has accepted the position of instructor in physics at this institution.

The Glee and Instrumental clubs are preparing for the season's campaign under the leadership of Bro. Moore

We look forward with pleasure to the coming congress and hope to be represented by a large delegation.

W. N. DYER, Cor.

ME. GAMMA ALPHA, COLBY COLLEGE, WATERVILLE.

Our college year opened propitiously Sept. 21, and found fourteen men in the chapter. The usual struggle between fraternities took place at once and the Freshman class has been pretty thoroughly culled, but without success by Gamma Alpha. No man is as yet pledged, owing to various reasons, but the chapter which has held so high a place in Colby's activities is not yet dead, though it may have been sleeping.

Several honors have fallen to our number this fall. We have two men, Bros. Allen and Larson, on the regular varsity foot-ball team and one substitute player. Bro. Bakeman is president of the debating club and Bro. Withee, president of the Colby Bryan club. We have one man on the college conference board, also.

We are looking forward with great interest to the biennial congress and plan to be represented by several members.

HENRY L. WITHEE, Cor.

MICH. ALPHA MU, ADRIAN COLLEGE, ADRIAN.

Alpha Mu is glad again to greet her sister chapters, alumni, and grand officers, at the beginning of the new year.

Owing to different causes, quite a number of the old boys failed to return to college this fall, hence we had only six members when school opened. But these six started to work with a determination to win, and have already initiated two new members. I take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity T. Milton Gladden, of East Liverpool, O., and James G. Welch, of Schoolcraft, Mich. Both these brothers are filled with zeal for Alpha Tau Omega, and are members we can well be proud of.

We have elected our delegate to congress, and are looking forward with great expectations toward the event.

We have our share of honors this fall. Two of our boys are on the *World* staff of editors and Bro. Hawkins is business manager of that paper. The captain and manager of our new foot-ball team are Alpha Taus, and two of the brothers are orators for Lambda Phi and Star societies at their anniversary.

We wish success to all sister chapters.

HOMER F. SWIFT, Cor.

MICH. BETA OMICRON, ALBION COLLEGE, ALBION.

The college year has opened very pleasantly for our chapter, which numbers fourteen active men. Three of these, Bros. H. O. Widrig, of Mt. Clemens, W. M. Smith, of Gregory, and Merle Yokum, of Cadmus., have returned after a year's absence. Four men wear our pledge colors—Ernest Hartwell, George Hunt, and Floyd Allen, of Albion and Arthur Rose, of Evart.

We are represented on the 'varsity football team by two ends, one half-back and a sub-half-back. Out of five games played we have won four and tied the fifth.

Bros. Sleight and Grosenbaugh are instructors in mathematics and Greek, respectively; Bro. Grosenbaugh is editor in chief of the College *Pleiad*, and Bro. Dupree is local editor; Bro. Dupree is also manager of the Co-operative Book association.

Prof. Delos Fall, of the chemistry department, is the republican candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Prof. Goodrich, Greek, is running for Governor on the prohibition platform.

The enrollment of the college is larger than at this time last year, and a number of fine athletes have entered, attracted by our new athletic field, the gift of Messrs. Winter and Lau of Detroit.

Prospects were never brighter at Albion.

Success to A. T. O. everywhere.

RALPH HILL, Cor.

MICH. BETA KAPPA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE, HILLSDALE.

The opening of a new school year has brought to Beta Kappa chapter new strength and power. Fortunately, all but one or two of the active men have returned and thus placed us on a strong footing. In this manner, our house has been full from the first and, by energetic work, we have added a few more brothers to the already large list. Thus far we have secured, and wish to introduce to the A. T. O. world: Bros. Judd Wiley, Raymond and Floyd Langworthy, Ira Hull, Clyde True and W. Hoag.

Bro. C. E. Depew, '00, is retained as instructor in the college, while Bro. E. V. Depew, '00, has entered Rush Medical.

In society and class elections our men secure a goodly share of honors, which is indication of our standing and worth.

Five positions on the football team, including manager, also manager track teams, are held by members of Beta Kappa.

Our plans for the coming Congress are not as yet very definite; however, we hope to have more than one representative and help to make it a success. We are still working on the fraternity house question, and hope that our plans may soon materialize. Our experience with a house has been very successful, and we feel safe in saying it has aided us in many instances in securing new men.

B. S. ALWARD, Cor.

NEBR. GAMMA THETA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN.

We are now approaching our fourth year of existence and our third year of life in a chapter house. Through the determined efforts of our city members this summer, we obtained possession of a fourteen-room house which we moved into at the beginning of the term. The work of getting new men was at once begun, and we are pleased to state that we have already initiated two and have two pledged—all being first class men, thus making seventeen active, with ten rooming and boarding in the house. The plan of setting our own table, which we adopted last year, proved convenient and very beneficial in many ways, and this year we find our table one of the chief attractions of the house.

Bro. Brown, whom we lost by graduation last spring, has spent a few weeks with us before tackling "drummer's hardships."

Bro. Morrison has been appointed by the national republican committee as state chairman of college leagues.

Bro. Hunger, who graduated from the law department last spring, has been very successful in his practice, and has also been taking a very active and prominent part in Nebraska politics this fall, and is now away on an extensive "stumping" tour.

We have lost Bro. Berkley this year, who has purchased the *Schuyler Sun* at Schuyler, Neb.

Bro. Gordan was elected a member of the athletic board,

Bro. Culver spent the summer in the Pacific states, and has returned to spend another year with Gamma Theta.

Bro. Riggs, who has a very lucrative position with the Remington Typewriter Co., has been with us for two or three weeks during our rushing season. Our alumni "boosts" are greatly appreciated.

Bro. Carneyhan has been elected manager of the Freshman football team.

Our usual social standard has been retained.

All of us anticipate a successful year and one of unexcelled prosperity, for we are chuck full of determination and enthusiasm.

Boston is a long way off, but Gamma Theta will probably be represented by four delegates.

HENRY H. CULVER, Cor.

N. C. XI. TRINITY COLLEGE, DURHAM.

N. C. Xi opens the new year with better prospects, perhaps, than ever before. We lost only two men by graduation the past year. Of these Bro. L. L. Hendren is instructor in physics at Trinity College: Bro. R. P. Reale is studying law at the University of Michigan, while Bro. J. M. Flowers has a position with W. Duke, Sons & Co., Durham. Bros. Hendren and Flowers attend our meetings and take great interest in fraternity work.

Since returning to college, we have held our initiation. As a result, we take pleasure in introducing to the Alpha Tau Omega world, Earl Monroe Stokes, '04, of Bomburg, S. C. He gives promise of being a loyal Alpha Tau. We were delighted to have with us at the initiation Bros. Durham, Sneed and Green, alumni of our chapter.

We have on foot a plan to build a chapter hall in one of the college buildings. To this end we have called on our alumni for aid in the undertaking. So far the responses have been very liberal, and we have let the contract for the hall. We hope by next year to have some definite place for building a chapter house.

At the last commencement, the trustees removed restrictions from fraternities and, as a result, it is said that we will have in the near future two other fraternities.

Since our last letter, Mr. Washington Duke has given one hundred thousand dollars to Trinity College. Trinity within the last six years has profited by his philanthropy to the extent of six hundred thousand dollars. We hope by next time to have some fraternity news of interest to write.

With best wishes to sister chapters,

H. R. DWIRE, Cor.

N. C. ALPHA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF N. C., CHAPEL HILL.

At the opening of the new college year Alpha Delta witnessed a return of only four of last year's chapter, and although we were hampered in looking after new men by the inadequacy

of numbers, the success which has attended our efforts exceeded all expectations. As a result, four new men have been invested with the Maltese Cross, and we now introduce to wearers of our badge everywhere; Bro. Henry Blount Short, '02, Lake Waccanow, N. C., Bro. Haywood Renick Faison, '03, Wilmington, N. C., Bro. Preston Cumming, '03, Wilmington, N. C., and Bro. George Cunningham Worth, '05, Asheboro, N. C.

The enthusiasm and vigor with which these new men have entered into the new life promises that our chapter will continue to hold a prominent place among the fraternities represented here.

The presence of Bro. Thos. Ruffin, whom we are delighted to state will be with us permanently, has greatly strengthened us. Bro. Ruffin is a member of this chapter, and an alumnus of this university, and we most heartily welcome him back to his Alma Mater, and congratulate ourselves that he is to reside in our midst.

This year affords no exception to the rule, that we have always been prominent in athletics. Bro. Jas C. McRae, who has already established a reputation on the gridiron, after dropping out one year, has again resumed his old position at half back. Bro. Phifer is a prominent candidate for guard on the "Varsity," and will doubtless clinch this position.

The correspondent has been appointed manager of the baseball team for the approaching season.

Our brothers, who, from graduation or other causes, failed to return, have either been installed into lucrative positions, or are taking special courses at some other college.

Bro. N. C. Curtis, a member of the U. S. Geological Survey, will make his headquarters at Chapel Hill, this winter.

Alpha Delta has had trials and tribulations innumerable to contend with, and at times we have felt gloomy about her future, but we are making a great struggle to remove all hindrance to her growth and prosperity. We believe we will succeed; the future already looks brighter.

THOS. C. WORTH, Cor.

N. Y. ALPHA LAMBDA, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK.

On the evening of October 30th, eight Alpha Taus, students in Columbia University, met for the purpose of reorganizing the chapter of Alpha Lambda. A letter was read from the provincial chief, Bro. Thaddeus Jones, of N. Y. Beta Theta, which authorized the brothers assembled to reorganize the old chapter by the election of officers and the exercise of the functions of a



regular chapter. The following brothers are at present on the roll of Alpha Lambda as active members: B. S. Hopkins and F. A. Fall, Michigan Beta Omicron, G. N. Batchelder, R. I. Gamma Delta, U. B. Phillips, Ga. Alpha Beta, H. W. Pitkin, O. Beta Mu, and Overton and Luke Lea, Tenn. Omega. There are several brothers in the medical department that have not affiliated as yet, but we hope to see their names on the roll before our next chapter letter.

The brothers were much encouraged in the work of reorganization by the presence of Bros. J. M. Thompson, D. C. Upsilon, and A. Weymouth, of Penn. Alpha Rho. Bro. Thompson is president of the New York alumni association and was kind enough to invite the chapter to the association smoker on the 19th. It is needless to add that the brothers will attend en masse.

After the discussion of some very eligible new material in both the undergraduate and graduate schools of the university, committees were appointed to investigate the subject of apartments for the chapter. The present idea is to secure large apartments, so the brothers may live together, as it is believed that in this way they will know each other better and the true Alpha Tau spirit will be fostered. So Alpha Lambda hopes to be able in a few months to extend an invitation to the fraternity at large, asking the brothers to make the "Alpha Lambda House" their headquarters when they are in New York.

Much enthusiasm was aroused by a discussion of the convention at Boston and the chapter voted to attend as a body. With best wishes to the sister chapters.

LUKE LEA, Cor.

N. Y. ALPHA OMICRON, ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY, CANTON.

As a most prosperous year for Alpha Omicron ended last commencement, so a bright and encouraging one has just begun. That a chapter can suffer the loss of twelve men and still feel competent to uphold its doctrines and advance its progress is only another evidence of the perpetuity of Alpha Tau Omega.

Such is our status, and such our feeling. We not only have hope, but we have determination, and tho' we begin the year depleted somewhat in numbers, we intend to put ourselves on record as being second to none of our sister chapters in the way of contributing to the glory and activity of our national fraternity.

We realize that this is the year of our congress and we are

already taking steps to make ourselves known when we meet at Boston. Many of our active chapter and a goodly number of our alumni will be there. It is none too soon that the PALM and every chapter know of our intention to have, if possible, our oft-chanted call, incorporated as an official fraternity call. In accordance with this, we are mailing copies of the words and music to the grand officers, and to every chapter that they may judge of its merits before assembling at Boston.

As regards local policy, our chapter has always endeavored to maintain a good social standing, to be athletic, but first and foremost, to excel our rivals in scholarship. Our results in this line may be told by the story of last commencement. Of the five speakers four were A. T. O.'s and of the four Phi Beta Kappa's, we are proud to claim them all.

It is also gratifying that the best harmony and mutual interest prevail among us. As we are proud of Alpha Omicron, so we reverence Alpha Tau Omega, which has long exerted her humanizing influences upon those eligible to wear the maltesecross.

We herewith send plate of last year's chapter, hoping you may find space for it in the October number.

EDWARD QUINN, Cor.

N. Y. BETA THETA CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA.

Beta Theta reassembled this fall with fifteen old members, having lost seven men by graduation last June. Of these, two, Bros. Ambler and Fuller, are back as instructors, and still take an active interest in our chapter.

Five new members have been added to our roll as follows:

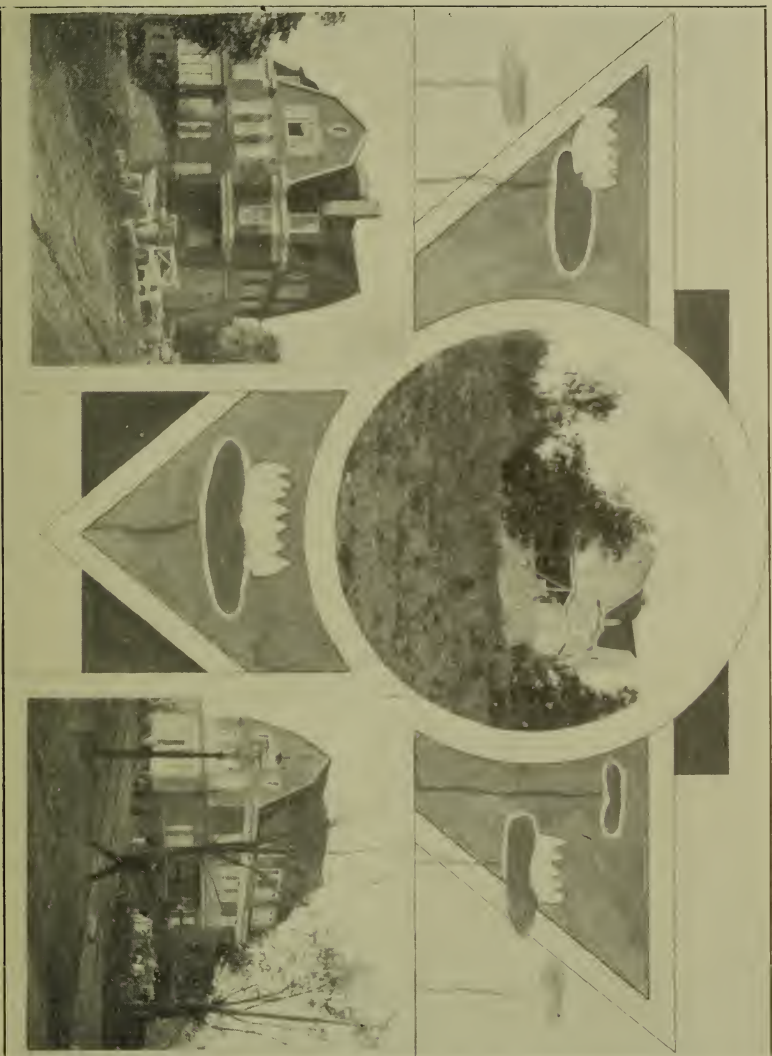
H. H. Ebberts, '04, Buffalo, G. W. Ellis, '04, Buffalo; W. J. Hearin, '04, Mobile, Ala.; H. E. Thompson, '02, Cedar Falls, Ia.; H. Gleason, '04, Buffalo.

Bro. P. R. Lamar, of Ga. Beta Iota, has affiliated with us, having entered Cornell to finish his studies in M. E. These men bring our present membership to twenty-one, and, with two men at present pledged, we hope to add several more during the term. Work is being rapidly pushed on the new house, and we see our new home nearing completion. We hope to occupy it about Xmas.

Bro. Dole, our architect, spent a couple of days recently inspecting the new house, prior to sailing for Europe, on the second trip of his Traveling Fellowship in architecture. Bro. Cottrell '07, spent a week with us this fall.

Beta Theta wishes the best of success to all sister chapters.

C. C. REMSEN, Cor.



Some Views of N. Y. Beta Theta's New Chapter House

OHIO ALPHA NU, MOUNT UNION COLLEGE, ALLIANCE.

Ohio Alpha Nu enters upon the year full of enthusiasm and determination. She has just closed one of the most successful years of her history. In it she put into practice her convictions that the success of the chapter depends more upon its unanimous persistent effort than upon the brilliancy of the individual members. Hearty unanimity characterized our work last year.

Nevertheless, the ability of the individual members of no fraternity here has equalled that of Alpha Nu's Sons.

First, in athletics. The success of the football team depended upon no two men as it did upon brothers Ray Davis and Ivan Powell, right tackle and full back respectively. Also Herman Carr and Harvey Snyder, a pledged man, rendered valuable assistance. Alpha Tau Omega furnished the backbone of the basketball team in supplying brothers W. Benj. West, a veteran of three successful seasons, Jay Lane, Roy Curtis, captain, and Harvey Snyder. The credit for the victories of the baseball team rests largely upon brother Richard James, the best pitcher Mount Union has had for several years. He lost only one game, and as that game was played away from home, other conditions had some effect. Beta Mu, at Wooster University, can testify to his ability, for in the game there he entered the box in the fourth inning with the score 10-4 against us and won out by a score of 15-14. Brother Thomas Jenkins did good work in the outfield. In the track meet between Mount Union and Canton Y. M. C. A., every fraternity man winning first place was an Alpha Tau. The mile race ended in a spurt between Brothers Givin, O. Beta Eta, representing Canton, and John Carr, who already had won the half mile run. Just after Givin won, he generously remarked to a number of the boys, "O, it doesn't make much difference anyway. An Alpha Tau was bound to win!"

We have not attempted to run college politics, but we have received our share of honors in that line, and have demonstrated to our rivals that we could secure what we "went after." In last year's *Dynamo* Association, we were represented by six of the fifteen members. Brother E. F. Seebirt was editor-in-chief in the fall term. This year, five members are Alpha Taus, and Brother Ivan Powell is business manager. Last year, Brother A. T. Snyder was assistant manager of the baseball team. Brother John Carr did good work as manager of the track team.

Brother Herman Carr was president of the irrepressible freshman class. Brother Allott was elected manager of the

basketball team for next season in the closest drawn contest of the year, in a battle fought out on strictly fraternity lines, and as a result, A. T. O. triumphed, securing seventy-six votes to seventy-three in the athletic association. For this year Brother John Carr has been elected editor-in-chief of the annual, the *Unionian*. Brother W. F. Finley is president of the junior class; Brother Ivan Powell is captain of the 'varsity football team; and Brother E. F. Seebirt is president of the college Republican club.

Our men have been noted for good work in the class room. The culmination of this was the presentation at commencement to W. Ray Davis of the T. B. Neely prize, for the senior, who, "in the judgment of the faculty, ranks highest in scholarship."

In social activity the present chapter is remaining true to the traditions and examples of former chapters, and is continuing, we think, at the front. On the evening of May 29, the chapter and friends were pleasantly entertained by Brother Ray Hoiles.

The season was closed by the commencement banquet at Hotel Keplinger on June 14. Fifty covers were laid.

The decorations were perfect and all the appointments were complete. After a faultless ten-course menu had been served, toastmaster Hart announced the toasts. Never had any of those present enjoyed a time of more spontaneous good cheer. It was voted to be the typical A. T. O. affair.

With a thrill of delight the chapter received the news that one of her valiant sons, John W. Hamilton, had been chosen for the highest office in the Methodist Episcopal church, that of Bishop, by the General Quadrennial Conference in session at Chicago last May. Brother Hamilton has won this honor through his untiring energy, and is called upon to assume the grave responsibilities of this position on account of his fitness for its onerous duties. No other fraternity has the good fortune to have one, not considering two members on the board of Episcopacy of that great church. Long may Bishops Vincent and Hamilton stand as objects of emulation to all Alpha Taus!

Brother Edison Scranton, who was graduated last June from the United States Naval Academy, has assumed his duties on the battleship, "Iowa."

Although regular fraternity work was discontinued during the summer school, eleven brothers remained to complete arrearages in classification. Brother G. M. Korns was a member of the faculty, and Brother W. T. S. Culp delivered a lecture.

The boys at the summer school enjoyed a jolly visit from Brother H. M. Bush, N. Y. Beta Theta, '93, now of Columbus. Brother L. B. Matthias, '93, of Bridgeport, Conn., spent his vacation here. Brother G. M. Hosack dropped in on the chapter unexpectedly, and was warmly welcomed, it being a treat for the boys to meet such a brother. Rev. J. F. Haynor, O. Beta Eta, while here giving reminiscences of the Boxer insurrection made a pleasant call upon the boys, who attended his address en masse. Other visitors have been brothers Givin, O. Beta Eta, Crooks, O. Beta Mu, Mellotte, O. Alpha Nu, W. T. S. Culp, O. Alpha Nu.

Brother John Simons, out of a class of seventy, was awarded a \$300 scholarship in Case School of Applied Science to the freshman whose entrance examination grades are the highest.

I have the privilege and honor to report that last spring the following men swore fealty to the eternal principles of Alpha Tau Omega, and are rejoicing in the service of Pi Epsilon and Epsilon Pi: John Carr, '01; Herman Carr, '03; Joseph Hanlon, '03; Earl Williams, '04; Schuyler J. Wallace, '03; Thomas Jenkins, '03; Richard James, '03. The faculty ruling announced at the opening of the fall term has changed the status of fraternities here, and we hope for the better. Hereafter no fraternity is allowed to pledge or initiate any man below freshman. We are heartily in accord with this move. Our initiates thus far this fall are: James Hobson, '04, Flushing, Ohio; James Hoffman, '04, West Salem, Ohio. Homer Scranton, '04, Alliance, Ohio. This year the PALM correspondent will be Brother Vernon C. Snyder, '02.

With faith in the prestige of the name and fame of Alpha Tau Omega, with confidence in and devotion to the manhood she inspires, assurance is instilled within us that upon her noble past Ohio Alpha Nu will erect a glorious future.

GUY E. ALLOTT, Cor.

OHIO ALPHA PSI, WITTENBERG COLLEGE, SPRINGFIELD.

Ohio Alpha Psi has been successful this year. We lost three good men by graduation, but we have not lost any of our spirit. This year the attendance at Wittenberg is larger than ever before, and there has been a great deal of competition for the best men among the fraternities here represented.

We have, by some good rushing, pledged seven men, and, upon the evening of October 15th, we initiated the following, whom we wish to introduce to the fraternity at large as men of the true A. T. O. stripe: Otto K. Largent, '02, St. Paris, O.; O. F. Weaver, '03, Vandalia, O.; Court H. Miller, '04, Plymouth,

O.; Vernon Booth, Special, Springfield, O.; Arthur Gerlough, '04, Osborne, O.; Clarence McCreary, '04, Springfield, O. Our other pledged man is C. L. Sheerer, '04, of Hillsborough, Ill.

We are well represented in the college societies and in athletics. Bros. Simon and Laughbaum represent us on the football team. We are sorry to report the accident with which Bro. Elder, our fullback, met. In the game with O. W. U. on October 6, he received a very badly wrenched back and internal injuries. This loss has been deeply felt by the team, as he was the best man on it, and had been playing a fine game. His accident will considerably weaken the team, as he will not be able to play any more this season.

Bro. MacKenzie, ex-'02, is now taking a course in a local Business College, but will be with us again about Christmas.

Bro. Jno. McGrew, '88, is the republican candidate for prosecuting attorney of Clark county. Bro. McGrew has always been a loyal Alpha Tau, and has helped Alpha Psi in a great many ways. We all know that he deserves the office and are sure his will be the winning ticket.

Bro. Hochdoerfer has been in Germany this summer and has been improving his time studying. He is professor of modern languages at Wittenberg, and reports a very profitable and enjoyable trip.

Bro. Jno. Hammond, '97, has returned and has re-entered the theological seminary.

Ohio Alpha Psi extends fraternal greetings and wishes for the success of her sister chapters.

CARL MELOY, Cor.

O BETA ETA, WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, DELAWARE.

We have begun the year with few in numbers, but our prospects are bright and we hope by the end of the year to hold our former place among the other fraternities here.

We have three men to begin the year with: Bros. Collin, '01, Baker, '01, and Tolerton, '01. Bro. Fuller, ex-'03, is attending Jefferson Medical U. at Philadelphia. Bro. Kinney joined the 5th U. S. I. in July, and is now in China.

Since the beginning of the term we have pledged six men; Harry Hammond, '03, A. L. Griffin, '05, E. A. Grady, '03, O. W. Whitney '04, G. J. Murphy, '04, Paul Thompson, '04. We hope to initiate two or three of these before the PALM is out. Bro. Colvin, '00, is National Secretary of the College Prohibition League. Bro. Jackson, '00, is teaching at Hancock, Mich. Bros. Mahon

'00, and Miller, '00, spent a few days here at the beginning of the term. Two weeks ago we were honored by a short visit from Bro. Shives, Chairman of the High Council.

Although small in numbers, we are not without honors in the University. Bro. Collin is a captain in the Battalion and left end on the football team. Bro. Baker is leader of the Cadet Band.

We send best wishes to all.

W. W. TOLERTON, Cor.

O. BETA OMEGA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS.

Ohio Beta Omega sends greeting to all other chapters of Alpha Tau Omega and wishes them all a very successful year.

The Ohio State University opened the year with an attendance of 1400, of which about 500 are freshmen and about ten per cent are "co-eds."

We have initiated five good men into A. T. O. this year and have one man pledged. The initiates are Kinsel C. Crane and Byron Fay, of Columbus, O., Gates C. Oblinger, of Dayton, O., Servetus Ogan, of Columbus Grove, O., and William J. Stephani, of St. Louis, Mo. Also Roy Curtis from Ohio Alpha Nu, has been affiliated with us. Of our own men nine active members are back and Bro. Sayre, '00, has the fellowship in American History and Political Sciences.

Bro. U. S. Brandt of our chapter is taking a post-graduate course in law.

We enjoyed very much the recent visits of Bro. Shives of the High Council, who, as the head of the "College Republican League," makes Columbus his headquarters; he took an active part in our initiation of the five new brothers and has helped us much with advice and information.

Bro. Geo. M. Parsons was recently elected as our delegate to the Congress to be held in Boston.

Bro. Kittle is playing full-back on the O. S. U. team and he will aid materially in gaining the state championship for our college.

Bro. Curtis plays first mandolin on the mandolin and guitar club which is better this year than ever before. He won the position over fifteen other candidates.

Again we wish you all a prosperous year.

GEO. M. PARSONS, Cor.

O. BETA MU, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER, WOOSTER.

Our chapter came back this year with nine men initiated and two pledged. One of the latter, Mr. Frank D. Crowl, of Spring Hills, Ohio, has already ridden on frisky Billy's back. We have several very desirable men in view as probable Alpha Taus.

By an action of our faculty, we cannot take in either partial or irregular students. Furthermore, no new man shall be pledged before December 5, 1900,

Brothers Turner and Crowl are presidents of the Freshman and Sophomore classes, respectively. We have three men on the athletic board, besides being well represented in foot-ball itself.

Brother McCloskey is president of the Republican League and Brother Simon, secretary. Many of our members hold offices in the various literary societies.

One of our loyal Beta Mu's, the Rev. Paul R. Hickok, of Cleveland, was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Elliot, of Shreve, on September 8th.

We take occasion here to thank our kind alumni for the many substantial gifts bestowed upon us this year. We appreciate their kindness.

Beta Mu has had as her visitors so far this year Brothers Pitkin, '00; Elliot, '98; Simon, '98; Shives, '84. The chapter has never, since its institution, been in such a prosperous and flourishing condition. We not only have the largest number of men, but are free from debt. We shall, no doubt, send four men to the Boston Congress. We send much love to all sister chapters in Alpha Tau.

EARL D. FISHER, Cor.

PA. TAU, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA.

This chapter is getting into good shape again, and expects soon to be able to make a good report. The men who are working to this end have done much against many difficulties, and, with the class of men that are being taken in, a good record for the year is assured.

PENNA. TAU.

PENN. ALPHA IOTA, MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, ALLENTOWN.

The new collegiate year has opened very auspiciously for A. T. O. at Muhlenberg. We have reason for congratulating ourselves upon our latest acquisitions, six in number: Bros. Geo, Guth '04, Frank B. Dennis, '04, Chas. Haines, '04, Harry Shimer.



GROUP OF P.A. ALPHA IOTA.

'03, John McCollom, '04, John B. Gusneger, '03. We present them to the A. T. O. world as brothers good and true

During the summer our chapter house was completely renovated, making it very inviting for the brothers upon their return. Since then we have added quite a number of beautiful pictures and improved the house in many other ways.

Bro. Sieger, '93, has taken unto himself a wife.

Bro. Applegate, '02, is playing a leading role in "The Romance of Coon Hollow."

Bro. Deisher, '00, has entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mt. Airy, Pa.

Bro. Koch, '00, has entered the University of Pennsylvania Medical department.

Bro. Branson Richards, '92, has been elected secretary of English Lutheran Conference, Philadelphia.

Bro. Benner, '01, has been elected president of the Enterpian Literary Society.

Bro. Harry Shimer, '03, and Haines, '04, have been elected managers of their respective class football teams.

In regard to athletics at Muhlenberg, A. T. O. has forged ahead as usual, Bro. Geiger being elected president of the Athletic association, and Bros. Miller and Freed, captain and manager, respectively, of the college football team. Bros. Shimer, Shalter, Wallom and Bickel, playing, respectively, left end, quarter back, right guard and tackle.

Of the prizes awarded during commencement week, the Taus as usual took their share. Bro. Shimer won the Junior Oratorical prize of \$25, with honorable mention of Bro. Benner; Bro. Lynn won a prize of \$10 for best work in Vetebrate Anatomy; Bro. Freed won one of the German prizes.

We send our most hearty greeting to all brothers in A. T. O., and wish all our sister chapters the greatest amount of success possible.

CLARENCE E. BICKEL, Cor.

PA. ALPHA UPSILON, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, GETTYSBURG.

Pa. Alpha Upsilon, from the misfortune of losing six brothers out of the active chapter, did not begin the new term in the most prosperous condition. By active work, however, of those who did return we are able to show progress and we now stand on a firm basis.

We realize every day our great need of a chapter house and until the same shall have been secured, we will not be able to prosper as we should. Hitherto this has been neglected, but we

hope that by the end of this college year we will be able to welcome our visiting brothers into a home second to none of those of the fraternities at this college.

We take pleasure in introducing the following new brothers to the fraternity: Chas. D. Speer, '03, Paul G. Cressman, '02, and Walter A. Gusey, '04.

Bro. Speer occupies the position of left tackle on the varsity team. Several others of the brothers represent us on the second team.

Bro. Gross, '01, has been elected historian of his class. Bro. Smyser, W. G., '02, is manager of the class baseball team. Bro. Frey, '01, has been elected treasurer of the honorary society of Pen and Sword.

Bro. J. A. Smyser has been changed from a position on the artists' staff to that of manager in chief of the college annual, the *Spectrum* of 1902.

We have one pledged man in the preparatory department and have several other in view.

Bros. Kohler, Dress and Weigle were with us for a short time at the opening of the term. With best wishes to all sister chapters.

J. A. SMYSER, Cor.

R. I. GAMMA DELTA, BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE.

The opening of the present college year found our chapter with twenty active members and three men pledged, whom we secured last spring.

The annual Y. M. C. A. reception at the college is always the signal for open rushing here at Brown, and so the fraternity was out in a body to look over the new men. We took possession of about a dozen eligible freshmen, whom we escorted after the reception to the chapter house, where we held an informal "rush" meeting. The fraternity rooms were decorated for the occasion and refreshments were served. After a careful consideration of the men, we elected and pledged the following, who, with a possible addition, will compose our list of initiates for this fall. They are: J. V. Anthony, '04; P. F. Clarke, '04; G. F. Cook, '04; R. C. Crocker, '04; H. E. Griffith, '04; F. W. Johnson, '04. We have also one junior pledged, E. P. Corey.

We are, as usual, very well represented in the different college organizations. Bro. A. O. Clift is a member this year of the Cammarian Club, the senior honor society of Brown. Bro. H. J. White is leader of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs, as well as a prominent member of the Symphony. On the athletic teams we

have, in the fall baseball practice, Bro. Tobey of last year's 'varsity, and R. C. Crocker, '04. H. E. Griffith is captain of the Freshman football team. We will, doubtless, be also represented on the track team and the indoor relay. One or more of the four relay men have been A. T. O.'s for several years past.

Our chapter house is still in a flourishing condition, and besides that we control a number of desirable rooms in the dormitories, which gives us a good hold on the campus.

The close of the past college year was a brilliant one for us. We were fortunate enough to secure for our spread three fine rooms in the front of Wilson Hall and these were prettily decorated with the fraternity colors and lined with palms and potted plants. The first was a reception room where our patronesses and a number of the faculty held sway. In the second room an orchestra was installed and the floor was filled with dancers the greater part of the evening. The third room was devoted to the refreshments. We entertained many of our friends and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

Altogether our prospects for the coming year are very bright and we look forward to continued improvement in all lines.

The freshman class at Brown consists of 203 men and 41 women at Pembroke Hall.

Our initiation is all over. We held the final ceremonies and the banquet Oct. 26, 1900. The banquet, followed by speeches and music, was a very enjoyable affair and a grand success. We had with us a number of our graduate members, including Bro. Coghill, the second initiate into Gamma Delta. Two brothers from Tufts were also with us, one of whom, Bro. Lunt, gave us an interesting account of the progress of Congress arrangements and a sketch of the probable program.

ROBINSON PIERCE, JR., Cor.

S. C. BETA XI, COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON, CHARLESTON.

Our chapter started the new term with a very bright outlook. To be sure we have now only six men in college, but we already see much good material among the new men. We have this year the largest freshman class in the history of the college. As we are the only frat. here, we do not have to rush for new men, but can take our time and pick.

Our old rooms have been given up and we are now in our new quarters, a handsome suite overlooking the campus,

Bro. W. C. Benet, Jr., one of our two members whom we lost by graduation last year, has entered the law school at the Uni-

versity of Virginia, Bro. J. W. Waring, the salutatarian of the class of 1900, will read law in this city.

Bro. R. Maynard Marshall, '99, has left for Sewanee, where he will study for the ministry,

Bro. W. B. Chisholm, '02, has entered Clemson College, South Carolina,

That we still hold our share in college matters, is shown in the recent elections for the coming year.

Bro. M. P. Brawley, '03, is manager of the college magazine, Bro. McM. K. Mazyck, '01, president of the athletic association and Bro. E. T. H. Shaffer, manager of the baseball team,

Last term was ended very pleasantly for our chapter by a banquet, given by Bro. Brawley at his house on Legare street. Eighteen brothers were present. The rooms were pleasantly decorated in blue and gold. Toasts, several short talks, and a song from the well-known Chesnut, were among the many delightful features of the evening.

In my next letter, I hope to tell you of at least four new Alpha Taus.

Beta Xi wishes the best of success to all sister chapters,

E. T. H. SHAFFER, Cor.

TEXAS GAMMA ETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN,

The university opened on Sept. 26th, and the present enrollment is something over 600, an increase of 100 over the same date of last year. Twelve of the brothers were on the grounds and promptly began to do battle, the results of which we can not yet state, but feel confident of obtaining our share of the new material. Our success of last year assures us that we have come to stay.

We are glad to have with us Bros. McCall and Mills, of Texas Gamma Epsilon, who have entered the law department.

In athletics we are well represented. Bro. Barton is manager of the foot-ball team and Bro. McCall will play center, while Bros. Kennard and Bird will probably be subs.

We had intended to rent a home this year, but not finding a suitable house, we have rented a convenient hall instead.

Of last year's brothers who did not return, Bros. Franklin and Olliver are practicing law, and Bros. Knox and Thomas are teaching school.

W. H. THOMAS, COR.

TENN. BETA PI. VANDEBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE.

This is the second month of the school year in Vanderbilt University. We have just passed through a three days' celebration of the quadri-centennial of the founding of the university. During this celebration several old brothers were back and we had a great meeting. I never knew our boys to be more enthusiastic and more ready to work. I am happy to say that every alumnus of our chapter who was in town the night of our meeting was on hand or sent greetings.

We have taken in three new brothers this year: Bro. Zdano-wicz (academic), Bro. Dawson (medical) Bro. Pierson (law). We have several other good academic men in view and expect to be able to report as full a chapter as usual soon. Many of the old men are back, but still we miss some faces.

The chapter house fund has been brought up again and we are trying to get it on a permanent basis.

As a whole the university is more prosperous than ever and Beta Pi is trying to keep pace. We hope we are succeeding.

We are glad to have with us Bro. McCord, one of the province chiefs who always attends our meetings, and also Bro. Calhoun, who is now taking theology in the university. Both these brothers are from Alabama Beta Beta.

W. D. WEATHERFORD, Cor.

TEX. GAMMA EPSILON, AUSTIN COLLEGE, SHERMAN.

Out of a chapter of eleven for last year, only three brothers returned this year; they are Bros. Scott, Baskett, and Thompson. We were, however, greatly strengthened by Bro. G. C. F. Butte, who finished Austin College in '95 and returned this year, having accepted the chair of modern languages in our university.

We feel that Alpha Tau Omega has her share of the honors given in our college, being represented on the faculty by Bro. Butte, on the first football team, by your correspondent, and on the list of monitors of the school by Bro. Baskett, who is monitor of the sophomore class.

Outside of attending to the usual duties that confront a chapter at the opening of school, we are spending all our efforts in preparing means to send our delegate to Congress. It seems to be a very difficult matter for so small a chapter to be able to send a man, but we trust that we will be represented.

We were at first greatly discouraged, owing to the condition of our chapter, but as time has passed, we have become more hopeful, as there is a great deal more fraternity material in

school than there has ever been before. In view of this fact, we hope to be able in the near future, to introduce to the fraternity at large several new brothers,

We extend to all sister chapters greetings; and wish for them a very prosperous year,

ALEX. THOMPSON, Cor.

TENN. ALPHA TAU, S. W. PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY, CLARKSVILLE,

Tenn. Alpha Tau sends greetings to the sister chapters. College opened on September the 12th. Opening day found all the brothers back and anxious for work. As a result, three men have been shown the beauties of our ceremony, and successfully took the "ride." We now take great pleasure in introducing to the A. T. O. world the new brothers, A. M. Warner, T. L. Green, and L. Polk, all of whom have already shown that they have the true A. T. O. spirit.

The prospects of our chapter were never brighter. Bros. H. N. Hall and K. Rudolph, after a year's absence from college, are again with us this term. This swells our numbers to ten, as against seven last year.

In college honors we start out with a fair share. We have the president of the athletic association, Bro. C. E. Allen; manager of the football team, Bro. A. M. Warner; president of the Y. M. C. A., Bro. G. B. Hall, and the only fraternity men on the college journal staff are three A. T. O's, Bros. G. B. Hall, A. M. Warner and W. W. Wolfe.

Bro. E. L. Hill, B. D., '00, has charge of a group of churches in Alabama. Bro. W. M. Clark, A. B. '00, is professor of Latin and English in Catlettsburg high school, Catlettsburg, Ky.

WARREN W. WOLFE, Cor.

TENN. BETA TAU, S. W. BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, JACKSON.

Tennessee Beta Tau is progressing. The opening session for the present year showed that the attendance was the largest known in the history of the chapter. A great deal of enthusiasm was evident, an enthusiasm which has proved fruitful of good works. Two names have been added to the chapter roll, Brother J. T. Early and Brother Jas. M. Trout, both devoted and valuable A. T. O's.

From being a mere handful of young men, remarkable chiefly for their scholarship and good behavior, our chapter has developed into the foremost fraternal organization in the college.

However, we are not ambitious to be simply the "biggest" among several organizations striving for that distinction. We are doing conscientious and effective work. A high moral and intellectual standard has been set and accepted, and we are striving to perpetuate the distinction that has been awarded our chapter and prove ourselves no unworthy guardians of the sacred trusts and traditions of those who have preceded us.

F. TATE KINCAID, Cor.

TENN. LAMBDA, CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY, LEBANON.

It is again the pleasure of Tenn. Lambda to greet her sister chapters at the beginning of another term. The fall term opened this year with no very flattering prospects for Tenn. Lambda, there being only two old members back in college, but by the earnest work of these, together with the assistance of several of our members, who reside in town, we have built up a chapter, which stands among the first in college. Since the opening, we have initiated nine men, all of whom are worthy wearers of the Maltese cross, and whom we take great pleasure in introducing to all Alpha Taus.

They are as follows: Bros. Jas. R. Keith, J. S. Stevenson, H. P. Branning, W. M. Rainey, John T. Polley, I. R. Wharton, McReynolds, C. L. Hailey and Willis.

In the field of athletics, we are represented by Bros. Keith and Stevenson.

We lose Bro. Hailey by graduation at the end of the mid-winter term of the law school, and by Bro. Hailey we lose one of our most influential members as well as one of our best workers.

We have several new men in view, whom we hope to introduce into the mysteries of our glorious brotherhood soon.

We have not as yet chosen our representative at our next bi-ennial congress, but are making our preparations to send one.

Bro. Jas. Ed Barton, law '98, who is practicing at Athens, Ala., paid us a visit recently.

Best wishes to the PALM and our sister chapters.

J. C. TALLY, Cor.

TENN. OMEGA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, SEWANEE.

While her sister chapters have taken their vacation, and are now back at work after a three months' rest, Tenn. Omega has pursued the even tenor of her way during the entire summer, by reason of the division of the school year at Sewanee into two terms, one extending from the middle of March to the last of July, and the other to the middle of December.

We were represented in the class of '00 by Bro. Colmore, graduate M. A., Bro. Luke Lea, M. A., Bro. Matthews, M. A., Bro. Bird, B. A., and Bro. Overton Lea, B. A. Bro. Luke Lea was president of the class, and also of the senior German club, in which capacity he led the commencement hop on August 3d.

Bro. Overton Lea was awarded the Marks prize for work in Historical and Political Science.

It is with great regret that we announce the loss of Bro. C. D. Johnston, who returned to his home at Tuscaloosa, Ala.; of Bro. D. B. Hull, who has gone to the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; and of Bros. Luke and Overton Lea, who have entered the law department of the Columbia University. Bros. Colmore and Bird have entered the theological department here. Bro. Jervev has been appointed an assistant in the Sewanee Grammar School, to fill a vacancy caused by Bro. Colmore's resignation.

We have initiated recently Bro. Elliot Cage, of Houston, Tex., and Bro. Will Percy, of Mississippi.

During the summer several of our alumni, Bros. C. C. Pinckney, F. R. Kimbrongh, A. R. Young, I. M. Morris, Latham and J. D. Shaffer, visited the mountain and were heartily welcomed by the chapter. One of the pleasant features of life here is the annual visit of our alumni.

At commencement we gave a very pretty dance in Forensic hall, with supper at the chapter house. It was led by Bro. Colmore.

Our numbers are up to the average for the chapter, and we have the prospect of a good year ahead.

J. F. MATTHEWS, Cor.

VT. BETA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, BURLINGTON.

Beta Zeta looks forward to a prosperous year. Our initiates are S. H. Merrihen, 1902, So. Burlington, Vt., S. M. Phelps, 1904, Highgate, Vt., R. S. Soule, 1904, East Fairfield, Vt., R. S. Butler, 1904, Boston, Mass., D. S. Macrae, 1904, Burlington, Vt. A. S. Williams, 1904, Winchendon, Mass., and Nathan F. Merrill, head of the department of chemistry. A fraternity badge was presented to the latter by the chapter as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the undergraduates. Among the alumni from out of town who attended the initiation were E. H. Bell ex '98, W. J. Sayward '97, R. B. Morton, '99, C. W. Kellogg ex. '02.

It is a remarkable fact that out of a hundred and nine men initiated by this chapter there has been only one death.

Beta Zeta's delegate will report to the coming congress that our chapter is free from debt with an active membership of twenty men. Our newly elected officers are W. M., F. P. Wadleigh, W. C., G. S. Brand, W. K. E., R. S. Carpenter, W. K. A., R. H. Taylor, W. S., C. R. Wilder, W. U., C. A. Riley, W. St. C. R. Hutchinson.

Bro. Brand has been elected president of the chemical society, treasurer of senior class and manager of Varsity baseball team.

Bro. Wadleigh has been elected to the executive committee of the senior class.

Bro. Wilder is captain of the sophomore football eleven.

Bro. Hutchinson has been elected to the conference committee.

Bro. Phelps is playing on the Varsity football team.

We received a very pleasant call from Bro. Gunn, Gamma Delta, '98, who is touring the country with Brook's Marine Band of Chicago.

H. H. MARSH, Cor.

VA. DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE.

We wish to extend hearty greetings to our grand officers, and best wishes to our chapters at large.

Our officers for the present half session are as follows:

W. M., S. M. O'Brien; W. Ch., L. C. Harrison; W. K. E., J. D. Gordan; W. K. A., J. P. Nash; W. S., J. H. Guy; W. U., J. R. Bride.

Our "Goats" this year are right up to the mark.

So far we have had two initiations, in which we were happy and proud to welcome into our brotherhood Messrs. James Charles Bride, Hill Urqueart and Walker Evans, of San Francisco, Cal., Richmond, Va., and St. Louis, Mo., respectively.

As affiliates, we have: William Christie Benet, S. C. Beta Xi; Samuel Garland Hammer, Va. Beta; George W. Montgomery, Jr., Tenn. Alpha Tau.

We enroll nineteen members. Va. Delta is stronger than usual this year on the gridiron, having four men applying, who seem good for the team,

J. C. STILES, Cor.

DAYTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The Dayton Alumni Association sends her sincere and fraternal greetings to A. T. O. everywhere, and reports with pride

that she is in a flourishing condition, with a large enrollment of energetic and active members. The present corps of officers is as follows: President, Bro. W. B. Pearson; vice-president, Bro. R. E. Adamson; secretary, Bro. E. J. Weaver; treasurer, Bro. R. W. Baggott.

During the past year the Association has held several entertainments and receptions, all of which were a grand success, and were characterized by the congenial and fraternal spirit manifested by all present. The July banquet was the finest and most enjoyable affair of the year, and was held in the beautiful and spacious parlors of the Phillips House. The rich adornments of the parlors, the elegant costumes of the ladies, and the well prepared and well delivered toasts made the occasion a rare treat to all who were present.

We are glad to note that our Association represents all professions and pursuits of business life, and that its members occupy the leading positions in their respective vocations. Every loyal A. T. O. is filled with the spirit of truth, virtue and love, and if he be armed with such weapons, there can be no barrier to check him in his onward march to success.

Bro. Pearson is now foreman of the sales department of the National Cash Register Company of this city, which position gives evidence of his superior business ability. We predict great success for Bro. Pearson in business circles.

Bro. Parsons is principal of the Miamisburg High School, while Bro. Beard is principal of one of the Dayton Schools.

Bro. Anderson is attending Rush Medical School, Chicago, Ill., while Bro. Mundhenk is attending Jefferson Medical School, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bro. Griffis is one of the most successful teachers in Steele High School, Dayton, Ohio.

Bro. Adamson is now vice-president of the W. L. Adamson Company of this city, and is regarded as one of Dayton's most successful business men. Bro. Adamson, though young in years, is filling the position with marked ability.

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We close with best wishes to the PALM and all wearers of the Maltese cross.

ERIE J. WEAVER, Sec.

BOSTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The Boston Alumni Association sends the college New Year greetings to all the chapters and wishes them a prosperous and fruitful year. This year, however, we will have the pleasure of extending our greetings in a more personal manner when we welcome the brothers at Congress time. We are preparing for a royal time and every thing points toward the realization of our highest expectations. We hear rumors of the attendance of a large number of men from our active chapters outside of the regular delegates, and we are rejoicing, for the rumors come very direct. Most of the New England chapters will send a crowd and St. Lawrence and Pennsylvania will also be conspicuous in a quantitative way. The more, the merrier. We can furnish everything but the men. It is to be hoped that the nearer chapters will induce their freshmen to come if possible. Nothing so fills a man chock-full of enthusiasm as a National Congress. He may be enthusiastic, but he never quite reaches the limit until he has seen the leading lights of A. T. O. get together and slap each other on the back. He sees what A. T. O. is outside of his chapter, and always goes back with a good many ideas of how he may strengthen some of the weak points at home. So, send the freshman along and let him begin his fraternity life in the right manner by coming back to his chapter filled with pride that he is an A. T. O. Let him once attend a Congress and it will surely not be his last.

The arrangements and plan of entertainment this year will, in a general way, be similar to those of two years ago at New Orleans. They would not be typical of A. T. O. otherwise. There will be the Smoker of course, which is to be as informal as possible, and which will differ from former smokers in being characteristic of Boston. The banquet is to be worthy of the high standard of guests whom we expect to entertain. The banquet committee tell us that according to the present plans it couldn't be better. Unlike previous Congresses, except at New Orleans, we are going to make the ball one of our chief attractions. This was such an enjoyable affair two years ago that we decided to imitate our Southern Brothers, and at the same time let them see that the fair sex of the north can walk hand in hand with

their own gentle brunettes. (The latter does not refer to the men).

The boys will all be received at the South Union Station, as we are to have a branch of the headquarters at the Hotel Essex, which is just opposite the station.

ROGER W. DENNETT, Cor.

N. Y. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Columbia
The New York Alumni Association of A. T. O., with the sanction of the Worthy Grand Chief of the fraternity, is about to endeavor to re-establish the old Alpha Lambda chapter in Columbia University, New York City. This chapter was first established Nov. 25, 1881, by Founder Glazebrook and the charter was withdrawn in 1884. It was re-organized in 1891 by Bros. E. J. Murphy and W. J. Woods, of N. Y. Alpha Omicron, both successful New York lawyers, but after existing a short time with varying fortunes, went out of active existence in 1892. While the chapter was active, it graduated a number of men, who are to-day among the most successful New Yorkers.

The question of re-establishing the chapter has been discussed by the New York Alumni Association for a number of years but not until the present fall have conditions seemed to warrant the step. This year, however, there are nine men in the various departments at Columbia who were A. T. O.'s in other colleges, and they are anxious to assist the alumni association in the work. The officers of the association believe that, with these nine brothers as a nucleus, a splendid chapter can be started and maintained.

The first decisive steps looking to the re-establishment of this chapter were taken at a meeting of the officers of the association and a number of the A. T. O. brothers in Columbia, which was held on the fourteenth of October. Provincial Chief Thaddeus M. Jones presided over this meeting and a number of plans were suggested as to the ways and means of introducing the chapter. No definite scheme was adopted or decided upon, but Brother U. B. Phillips, of Ga. Alpha Beta, now in Columbia, Brother E. B. Southworth, of the old Columbia Alpha Lambda, and Provincial Chief Jones were made an informal committee to learn from worthy Grand Chief Glazebrook whether the old charter could be re-issued and upon what conditions, and also to ascertain the Worthy Grand Chief's sentiments regarding the project,

The committee learned from the Worthy Grand Chief that

the charter could be issued without difficulty, and that he was heartily in favor of re-establishing the chapter, provided particular care was taken to secure the best of men as initiates, since upon these men would fall the furthering of the chapter's welfare after this year, when the present alumni brothers will have left Columbia,

Encouraged by this communication from the Worthy Grand Chief, the committee decided to call a meeting of all the A. T. O's now in Columbia and a number of the alumni resident in New York City in order to go over the proposed plans and to select one as a basis for the organization. This meeting was held on Tuesday evening, October 30th at eight o'clock at No. 300 West 112th Street, but as the PALM is compelled to have all matter on hand by November 1st it was impossible to secure for this issue the results of this meeting. Nevertheless, it is known that all the brothers who met were in favor of immediately establishing the chapter, and it is safe to conclude that final steps were then taken.

There are several reasons which have convinced the Alpha Tau Omega Association in New York City that the re-establishment of the Columbia chapter is justified. In the first place, the nine Alpha Tau Omega men who are students in Columbia this year are the sturdiest kind of A. T. O.'s and may be depended upon to bring the re-establishment of the chapter out successfully. Socially and mentally they are thoroughly capable of securing desirable initiates to carry on the work.

Again, the alumni association in this city has taken great interest in this work and will co-operate efficiently with the Columbia men to make the chapter a success. Their interest is not altogether unselfish, as it is believed that with the chapter and the association working together, good quarters for a chapter house for the Columbia men can be secured and at the same time these quarters can be used as a meeting place for the Alumni Association. The union of the two should be a benefit to each.

As regards Columbia University itself, it is constantly increasing in effectiveness in the educational, social and athletic spheres. The registration at the university this year was far heavier than ever before and under the guidance of President Low this year promises to be a criterion for the years to come. A number of new halls, in keeping with the present fine architecture, are being added to the university equipment, and in every way it is growing.

As is well known, Columbia is rapidly advancing in the athletic world. Its crews and baseball and football teams are coming to be a factor in inter-collegiate athletics. The President of the university has put himself on record as in favor of these sports when cleanly and honestly conducted, so that in every way there is presented an opportunity for the members of this chapter to advance themselves in the college world and, after that, with the training they receive, in the business world.

J. H. GANNON, Jr., Sec'y.

LOUISVILLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

On behalf of the Louisville Alumni Association of our fraternity, I desire to report that our association is in good shape financially and otherwise. The membership list is growing gradually, and the organization as a whole is imbued with a hearty interest in the welfare of our fraternity. We are arranging now for our annual meeting, to be followed by a banquet at the Louisville Hotel, and we hope to have a number of the grand officers of the fraternity, as well as the editor of the PALM, present on that occasion. It is our purpose at that meeting to elect a representative for the next congress. One of the prime objects of the Louisville association has been the organization, or reorganization, of a chapter of our fraternity in the State of Kentucky, and we are working to this end, are able to report some progress made, and we hope and believe that ere long Kentucky will be "off the map." With kindest regards.

ROBERT W. BINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The prime object of the organization of the Montgomery Alumni Association is to encourage, foster and maintain a fraternal spirit of good fellowship among all its members. To endeavor to secure for membership in any active chapter of the fraternity, those aliens attending, or about to attend, institutions of learning where there is a chapter of the fraternity, who are, in our opinion, worthy of becoming members of our noble brotherhood; and to aid in any way in our power the fraternity at large, and especially, the Alabama chapters.

In order to show what success we are meeting with, I might mention the fact that of six men we recommended to Alpha Epsilon this fall, four are now Alpha Taus, and of the other two, the writer knows that one, if not both, decided not to attend college this year, or we might have made a clean sweep.

While on this phase of the subject, I wish to call the attention of chapters to the importance of promptly acknowledging receipt of all recommendations sent them. I know, from personal experience, that some chapters let such communications go entirely unanswered; and I have known some of the brothers who have recommended new men year after year, without receiving an answer of any kind, and who finally discontinued the practice altogether, because it was apparently unappreciated, while the chapters were really suffering from lack of recommendations, and wondering and complaining at their scarcity.

It is the duty of any man to answer a business letter of any character, and doubly the duty of every active chapter to answer a communication of this character which comes from a brother, "not by the accident of birth, but by deliberate choice."

Pardon the digression I have made from my text, but this is a matter of such importance, that it demands space in the columns of the PALM.

We are busy preparing to tender a banquet to our distinguished brother, Gov-elect Wm. J. Samford, on the occasion of his inauguration, and have the hearty co-operation of the active chapters and alumui throughout the State. We take this opportunity of extending a cordial invitation to every true Alpha Tau who can find it possible to be with us, and to all who are so fortunate as to be on hand, we can promise a good time, long to be remembered by those present, and of lasting benefit to our beloved brotherhood.

We wish all success possible to the PALM, and to the fraternity at large.

C. N. JONES, Sec'y.

DALLAS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

On the night of August 14th, 1900, a number of Alpha Taus of Dallas, Texas, met in the office of Bro. G. W. Mitchell for the purpose of organizing an alumni association. Bro. John C. Saner was elected president and Bro. L. A. Hardie, secretary. The president was instructed to apply to the Worthy Grand Chief for permission to organize, the association to be known as the Dallas Alumni Association of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity: this permission has since been granted.

It was voted to have a smoker on the night of the 22nd of September. This smoker was well attended and was such a decided success that it was voted to have another one on November 24th.

The association hopes to have a continuation of these pleasant meetings, which will draw the Alpha Taus of the city into a closer relationship.

LEONARD A. HARDIE, Sec'y.

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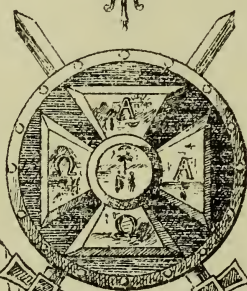
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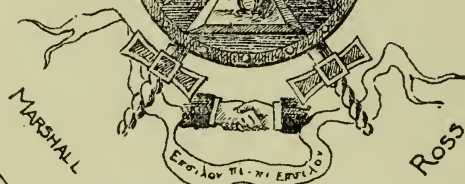
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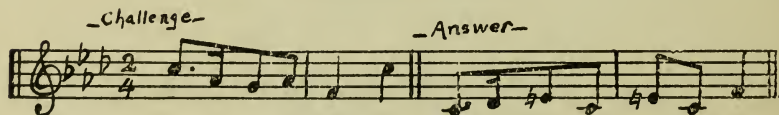
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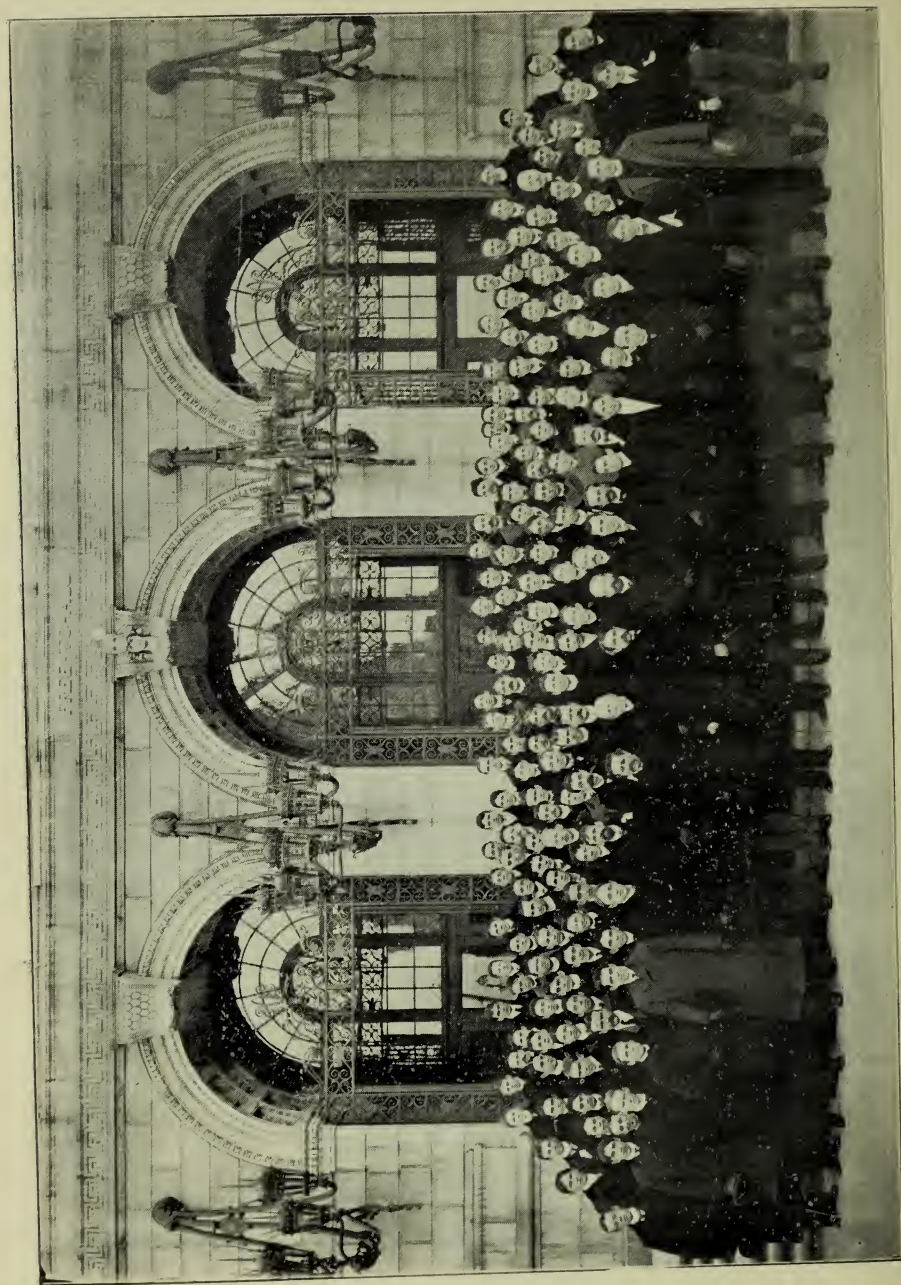
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THE great event has come and gone. The Boston Congress was enjoyable every minute of its duration, its brevity was a source of regret, and it is now a fond memory with many a brother and sister, for many a fair wearer of the Maltese cross was there to make the event doubly attractive. For more than three days the Hotel Brunswick was thronged with Alpha Taus and the inspiring, jubilant yell rang through its corridors with splendid enthusiasm and vigor. New voices joined with the old, and while some who were at New Orleans were missed, there was a splendid demonstration of the permanency of our fraternity in the noble enthusiasm of the delegates and brothers who had never before attended a congress, but who went away vowing that it would be long before they would miss another.

In every respect this Congress was a success. In attendance and in the success of all its special functions it has never been surpassed. While it is no longer expected that much new legislation will be enacted in Congress, yet much of the greatest importance was accomplished at Boston, as will soon be developed.

As early as Christmas eve the visiting brothers and delegates began to drop in at the Brunswick. At the Back Bay Station and everywhere they found local brothers ready to greet them and give them all desired information, and it was not long before every visitor was made to feel completely at home. Christmas day brought many more to Congress, and by the morning of December 26th, nearly all who were to attend were present.

It was indeed a splendid gathering, representative of most of the important colleges of the United States, and remarkable not only for the attendance of many under-graduates, but also because of the presence of alumni who have embarked in active business life and of those who have grown gray in work for Alpha Tau

Omega. The continued enthusiasm of these older brothers is always a source of inspiration to the younger men, while the former experience an unspeakable pleasure in meeting those who will carry on the work in future years.

It is not proposed here to give in full the details of Congress work, as the complete report is already published by the Worthy Grand Chief. Only the more salient features of this gathering will receive attention.

THE FIRST SESSION.

Promptly at the hour fixed, Congress was called to order by Worthy Grand Chief Glazebrook, in the large club room of the Brunswick. The impressive opening exercises were carried out according to the ritual, Bro. J. S. Pate, of Tennessee Beta Tau, having been appointed Worthy Grand Chaplain; Bro. W. C. West, of Massachusetts Gamma Beta, Worthy Grand Usher; Bro. D. S. Creeley, of Massachusetts Gamma Beta, Assistant Worthy Grand Usher; Bro. J. L. Lee, of Maine Beta Upsilon and D. C. Alumni Association, Worthy Grand Sentinel; Bro. A. J. W. Hutton, of Pennsylvania Alpha Iota and the Harvard Club, Assistant Worthy Grand Scribe.

Of the Grand Officers, all except Worthy Grand Chaplain Gailor were in attendance, and on December 27th, all of the High Council were also present. This record has rarely, if ever, been equalled, and was in itself a triumph on the part of the Worthy Grand Chief and others concerned in making arrangements.

In addition, three of the Provincial Chiefs, Bros. Thomas Ruffin, A. W. McCord and G. W. Mitchell, and former Worthy Grand Chief and Chairman of the High Council Bro. N. Wiley Thomas, were present.

The Worthy Grand Chief appointed the following brothers on committees:

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As usual, the reading of the minutes of the previous Congress was dispensed with, upon motion, and the roll call developed the fact that several chapters were not represented by delegates at that time. Those which had no delegates at Congress at any time during its session were California Gamma Iota, Tennessee Omega, Tennessee Lambda, and Georgia Alpha Zeta. Ten alumni associations were represented, no delegates being present from the Dayton, O., Alumni Association, the Dallas, Tex., Alumni Association, the Montgomery, Ala., Alumni Association, or the California (S. F.) Alumni Association.

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Michigan Beta Omicron, E. R. Slight; Nebraska Gamma Theta, H. H. Culver; N. Y. Alpha Lambda, U. B. Phillips; New York Alpha Omicron, J. D. Stark; New York Beta Theta, R. W. Robbins; North Carolina Xi, F. C. Odell; North Carolina Alpha Delta, Thomas Ruffin; Ohio Alpha Psi, C. R. Meloy; Ohio Alpha Nu, G. E. Allott; Ohio Beta Eta, W. W. Tolerton; Ohio Beta Mu, C. S. McClosky; Ohio Beta Omega, G. M. Parsons; Pennsylvania Tau, F. N. D. Buchman; Pennsylvania Alpha Iota, J. S. Weisley; Pennsylvania Alpha Upsilon, V. Frey; Rhode Island Gamma Delta, S. A. Drury; South Carolina Beta Xi, M. P. Brawley; Tennessee Alpha Tau, G. B. Hall; Tennessee Beta Pi, C. H. Cobb; Tennessee Beta Tau, W. E. Hunter; Texas Gamma Eta, Ros; Phillips; Vermont Beta Zeta, F. P. Wadleigh; Virginia, Delta, J. R. Bride.

The alumni associations were represented as follows: Allentown, M. S. Erdman; Augusta, H. R. Perkins; Boston, F. G. Wren; Chicago, L. C. Ehle; Cleveland, P. R. Hickok; District of Columbia, J. H. Holt; New York, U. B. Phillips; Pittsburgh, W. Leigh; Tennessee, A. W. McCord; Texas, R. E. L. Saner.

This made a total of forty-seven voting delegates.

The novel feature of this report was the objection made by Bro. Ruffin to his own standing, but, after discussion by Bros. Phillips, Lamar, Green and Glazebrook, it seemed the unanimous sentiment that it would be establishing too strict a precedent and construction to reject him, and he was forced to submit to the decision of Congress.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND CHIEF.

This most important report was presented by Bro. Glazebrook in most excellent form and was most favorably received by Congress. A consideration of its recommendations occupied much of the time of the sessions.

After giving a schedule of the fraternity's property in his possession, Bro. Glazebrook called attention to the workings of the provisional province system. He said, in part: "In true Alpha Tau Omega spirit, every alumnus selected accepted the responsibility and at once set to work to acquaint himself with the conditions present at the different chapters under his charge.

These officers were all men in busy life, yet, without an exception, they have worked hard to perfect the great organization in which we are so vitally interested. Time will not allow me to go more fully into the advantages of such a system. Suffice it to say, that Alpha Tau Omega at the present time can claim as well perfected an organization as any fraternity in our land."

Reference was then made to the final adoption of the constitutional amendment abolishing honorary membership, and to the new plan for checking the finances of the fraternity, which was pronounced eminently successful.

Attention was called to the fact that the charter of Ohio Beta Rho, at Marietta College, was surrendered January 13, 1898; that Virginia Beta, at Washington and Lee University, after an active and continuous existence of more than thirty-three (33) years, surrendered its charter on October 20, 1899, while Texas Gamma Epsilon surrendered its charter November 17, 1900. In each case surrender was due to lack of material to keep up a high chapter standard.

To offset the above, the Worthy Grand Chief referred to the founding of California Gamma Iota chapter, at the University of California, on April 10, 1900, and the re-establishment of New York Alpha Lambda, at Columbia University, on October 30, 1900. Petitions were also received from Franklin and Marshall, Susquehanna University, University of West Virginia, Maryville and Millsaps. Not all of these were voted on.

In October, 1899, the Harvard Club was established at Harvard University, and alumni associations were established at Dayton, O., Dallas, Tex., Augusta, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., and San Francisco.

In spite of the "pruning-out" system, which has been in vogue, at the time of making this report there were forty-two (42) active chapters and seventeen alumni associations.

Eleven chapters were shown to have neglected sending out their required printed annual report, and only a few of the alumni certificates have been sold.

The recommendations of this report related to the provincial

system, urging the appointment of a special committee on same, and providing for the traveling expenses of the chiefs. The printing of copies of the secret work and constitution was also recommended, as well as the publication of a new song book.

Other matters considered were the catalogue, chapter house question, fraternity extension, and the badge, and the report ended with a strong appeal to alumni to keep up their fraternity interest, to the delegates to be earnest in their Congress work, so that they might carry back to their chapters full and adequate reports and a new spirit of enthusiasm, and with thanks to all who had given the Worthy Grand Chief such cordial support for the six years of his term.

The reading of the report was greeted with enthusiastic and prolonged applause.

As usual, Congress sent an early and cordial greeting to founder Ross, brothers Ruffin and Lamar acting as the committee.

On motion of Bro. N. Wylie Thomas, brothers Wren, West and Chaffe were appointed a committee to secure and present a suitable floral offering on behalf of Congress to Bro. M. S. Harlow, President of the Boston Alumni Association, with expressions of heartfelt sympathy with him in his illness.

On motion of Bro. Thomas, Bros. A. W. McCord, George W. Mitchell, Thomas Ruffin, James B. Green and E. J. Shives were appointed a special committee on the Provincial System, in accordance with the recommendations of the Worthy Grand Chief.

On motion of Bro. Tupper, the committee on telegram to Bro. Ross was also instructed to send greetings to Bro. Thomas G. Hayes, Mayor of Baltimore, the former Worthy Grand Chief.

The Worthy Grand Chief then presented the beautiful souvenir buttons of sterling silver donated by A. H. Fetting, of Baltimore, which were greatly admired by all the delegates, and for which the Worthy Grand Scribe was directed to extend the thanks of the fraternity.

Adjournment was then taken until 2 P. M.

FIRST AFTERNOON SESSION.

On the convening of Congress on Wednesday afternoon, the

Worthy Grand Scribe read a telegram from Bro. Irving Bacheller, regretting that the serious illness of his mother would prevent his coming to Boston. A telegram was also read from Bro. Walter H. Page, editor of *The World's Work*, regretting that it was physically impossible for him to attend Congress. A letter from Bro. William C. Fitts, of Alabama, expressed his disappointment at being unable to be present. Bro. Sylvanus Stokes, of Norfolk, Va., also sent a telegram of regret, and a letter of regret was received from Bro. J. K. Ottley, of Atlanta.

A greeting was received from the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, also assembled in convention at Boston, and the Worthy Grand Chief and Worthy Grand Scribe sent a response for the fraternity.


An excellent report was then presented by W. G. K. E. Toller, which was most enthusiastically received.

The Worthy High Chancellor then submitted a satisfactory verbal report, which indicated that the questions submitted to him were both novel and interesting.

Bro. George W. Mitchell then submitted the report of the permanent Committee on Catalogue, showing that a large amount of careful and painstaking work had been done since he was appointed chairman in September, 1899, and that this work had been carefully systematized. He made some valuable recommendations for the continuance and perfection of this work, and the report was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Then followed the interesting and valuable reports of the provincial chiefs. Bros. McCord, Mitchell and Ruffin presented theirs in person, and the absent chiefs all sent carefully prepared written reports. All were received with much enthusiasm, which was sufficient indication of the favorable manner in which the working of the provincial system is regarded. The recommendations contained in them must prove of great value, and all of them evidence much thought and careful preparation of the report.

On motion, a committee consisting of Bros. Ehle, Thomas, Wren and O. A. Glazebrook was appointed to send congratulatory telegrams to Bros. William J. Samford, Governor of Alabama;



F. M. Simmons, Senator from North Carolina; Bishop J. W. Hamilton of the M. E. Church; Irving Bacheller, author of "Eben Holden," and Col. W. A. Turk, General Traffic Agent of the Southern Railroad.

After the appointment of Bro. Henry Chaffe as assistant Worthy Grand Scribe had been announced, together with a prospectus of the evening's entertainment, Congress adjourned for the day.

THE SMOKER,

It is no easy task to describe a smoker. The name itself is significant and the occasion justifies the name. A few of the styles in pipes may have been missing at the Boston affair, but, if so, there were enough at hand to make a good display in a big museum. They were of all kinds and qualities from the democratic corncob and clay to the rich meerschaum and dark, costly woods, polished to a nicety.

The place was the Hotel Savoy, to which the brothers were piloted by the local brothers, familiar with the narrow mysterious streets which it was necessary to traverse. There were at least two hundred brothers present on this occasion, and all seemed to have a jolly good time. The committee had provided liberally of the drinks that cheer, but not inebriate, and there was smoking galore. Two large rooms were filled, and the brothers were soon made thoroughly acquainted, which was one of the great objects of the smoker.

Such an occasion demands music and song. Bro. Frank A. Fall, of N. Y. Alpha Lambda, furnished much of the former in a most acceptable manner, two-steps, rag-time, and all kinds of time, and the best known college songs were given with a vim and spirit that was highly entertaining. The few Alpha Tau songs were the favorites, and were sung again and again. It was only regretted that there were not more of these tuneful airs, and, if this feeling could only take concrete form, a song book suitable to our needs would be turned out in the near future.

One of the features of the evening's entertainment was the singing of the song, "For He Is an Alpha Tau," by Bro. James B. Green, which was hailed with loud applause.

The brothers were all in good voice and seemed to be getting in training for the banquet, with original and clamorous yells, and it was a late hour before they separated.

SECOND MORNING SESSION.

The first business on Thursday morning of Congress week was very pleasing in its nature. The publishers of "Eben Holden," the Lothrop Publishing Company, of Boston, sent to Bro. Frank G. Wren, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, a splendid portrait of Bro. Bacheller, its famous author, accompanied by the following note;

"As the publishers of the successful book of the year, 'Eben Holden,' we take pleasure in sending you the latest portrait of Mr. Irving Bacheller, of New York, the author of 'Eben Holden,'

"We do this because of Mr. Bacheller's connection with Alpha Tau Omega, of which he is a member. While in college in 1880 Mr. Bacheller founded the Alpha Omicron chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., and made the chapter an active one in your fraternity. St. Lawrence gives him a complimentary dinner in New York next month.

"As the author of the foremost literary success of the season, and as an active member of your fraternity, it has seemed to us that his portrait might be of interest to the members of your Congress. and, therefore, we send you the picture."

Needless to say, hearty Alpha Tau cheers greeted this announcement, and, on motion of Bro. Tupper, of the High Council, the Worthy Grand Scribe was directed to thank the publishing house for the gift.

Bro. E. J. Shives then read the report of the High Council, made in accordance with the constitutional requirement. He recited the election of High Councilmen at New Orleans and the lamented death of Bro. Robert A. Waller, of Chicago, on February 17, 1899, brought about by too close application to his duties as City Comptroller. Bro. Shives read the resolutions of the High Council on this occasion. The High Council filled the vacancy thus caused by selecting Bro. J. Grant Walter, of East Liberty, Pa., as one of their number.

The report recommended the adoption of the Province System, making several suggestions in regard to same, progressive extension, careful attention to fraternity duties by chapters and strict adherence to the ritual in initiations, and avoidance of all undesirable publicity in this connection. Bro. Shives referred to his visits to a number of chapters in Ohio and Michigan, and reported very beneficial results from same. The report was received with hearty and prolonged applause.

Bro. Shives then laid before Congress communications from the Cleveland Alumni Association in regard to a chapter at Western Reserve from the Psi Omega local society at that institution. This, on motion of Bro. O. A. Glazebrook, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Bros. Ruffin, N. C. Alpha Delta, Ralph W. Robbins, N. Y. Beta Theta, and J. H. Holt, D. C. Alumni Association.

Bro. Ehle then read to Congress his report, as prepared for the High Council, supplementing it with suggestions, recommendations and explanations as to the difficulties encountered in securing proper attention from correspondents to their duties.

Announcement was made of arrangements for Congress photograph and the public exercises, and after the reading of a number of the chapter reports, which proved very interesting and were well received (and which appear elsewhere in this number), Congress adjourned for the day.

THE PHOTOGRAPH,

The Boston public library makes a splendid background for a group picture, and the brothers in attendance at the Boston Congress would be a credit to any background. So the committee were fortunate in being able to bring together such a harmonious picture.

As usual the trying moments of waiting were enlivened by sarcastic remarks and witty sayings, which kept everyone in good humor. After considerable able efforts on the part of the energetic Worthy Grand Chief, the photographer took matters in hand and excited a burst of laughter by saying to one of the brothers, with an impatient wave of the hand, just before giving

the signal, "You, up there, just change your—face." What he meant, of course, was that he wanted the brother in question to move, so that he could not be cut off by the man in front of him.

Altogether, the waiting was not long, and, as will be seen, the results were decidedly satisfactory. It is significant that while the group picture of the Sixteenth Biennial Congress was considered very large at the time, it contained only 112 faces, while that of the Seventeenth contains exactly 150. At Cleveland the number was less than 100.

The brothers then adjourned for lunch, to be followed by the public exercises.

THE PUBLIC EXERCISES.

A goodly audience of brothers and friends, including many ladies, awaited the speakers at the public exercises, which were held at Pierce Hall on the afternoon of Thursday, December 27, 1900. A good orchestra had been provided and furnished excellent music throughout the program.

The Address of Welcome was delivered by the Hon. Thomas N. Hart, Mayor of Boston, and was cordial and well received. The distinguished speaker seemed to be thoroughly conversant with the aims and principles of such organizations as ours, and was happy and effective in his delivery and expression.

Bro. Walter H. Page, whose efforts were so successful in building up the *Atlantic Monthly*, and who is now making an even greater success as editor and one of the publishers of the excellent and original magazine, *The World's Work*, was to have delivered the response, but as already stated, had found it impossible to attend. The fraternity has no better substitute than its most eloquent founder, Bro. Otis A. Glazebrook, who made a most feeling response to the eloquent spokesman for the city of Boston. The audience was thoroughly in sympathy with the speaker and expressed their interest and approval in every possible way, as he pictured the splendid history of Alpha Tau Omega and her splendid service among the college men of the country, in developing high ideals of patriotism and character, and returned

thanks for the kindly welcome extended to Congress by the citizens of Boston.

After music by the orchestra, the Worthy Grand Chief introduced the poet of the occasion, who read the following:

Ehle
CONGRESS POEM.

The years fly by with nimble, winged feet,
More swift than Hermes at the Gods' behest,
And, passing, leave us little but the thought
We have been happy in them at the best.

It seems as 'twere but yesterday we met
In that fair southern city, near the mouth
Of Mississippi's broad, resistless flood,
And found the warm, strong welcome of the South.

We walked along mysterious streets
Which ever held some new and quaint surprise,
Basked in the sunshine of that favored clime,
And felt the spell of other days, more glad, less wise.

We strolled beneath the wondrous, giant oaks,
Charmed by their misty, mossy drapery,
And saw the modern city growing there,
And dreamed of all the glory yet to be.

It seems but yesterday we said good-bye,
And sadly scattered far and wide once more,
And now we meet a thousand miles away,
And find the same warm welcome as before.

We come to Boston, city with a past
More wondrous than that other city fair,
To Boston, shrine of Liberty, where men
Have early learned to nobly do and dare.

We feel a patriot's pride in all we see,
We pass about the streets with reverent tread,
We wonder at the marvels of this latter day,
And, while we hail the living, bless the dead.

Since last we met, our brother band has grown,
Our banner proudly flies from coast to coast,
That Alpha Taus are everywhere the same,
In North or South, remains our proudest boast.

Long may that banner proudly wave on high,
Long may our noble brotherhood advance,
Still staunch and true, still undismayed,
As ever knights in story or romance.

The years that bring new names upon our rolls,
Alas, the solemn asterisk they bring,
And while we greet the new we mourn the old,
Whose praises in our annals long will ring.

Should he who keeps our records call to-day
All those who wore our cross two years ago,
Alas, there would be silences full oft
When names were called of some we loved to know.

The courtly Robert Waller, staunch and true,
Will answer not. He died as duty's slave;
Forgetting self in his sincere desire
To serve his kind, his noble life he gave.

Our eyes are scarcely dry for Renick's loss;
Sterling and true, a noble friend was he;
And Gadsden answers not, a noble soul,
And bound to us by staunchest fealty.

McCranie left us in that southern land,
Where we had grown to love his sunny smile,
His genial nature and his pleasant ways,
Though we had known him such a little while.

We weep to think of Whitney's fearful death,
And for the other brothers staunch and true,
Whose names are sadly starred upon our rolls,
Since last we met beneath the gold and blue.

We think of them with tears and sadly leave
Our laurels where our love is fondly shrined,
And teaches theirs is still the happy lot,
Which waits the best and noblest of mankind.

But brighter themes must claim attention now,
We meet not here to mourn, but to rejoice,
Proud of our splendid brotherhood, and glad
To clasp a brother's hand and hear his voice.

Our land was wasted when our founders met
In Richmond quaint and old in sixty-five,
They knew that Love must knit what hate had loosed
And so our order could not fail to thrive.

Men strive in vain to build eternally
Their massive monuments of brick and stone:
The centuries waste them all to finest dust,
And soon their faintest trace is lost and gone.

Love grows from loving, and our brotherhood
Has grown and still it grows and thrives to day;
The works of hands our founders wrought are gone,
The truths they taught will never pass away.

And now the midnight of the century nears,
And soon another era will be here.
Momentous is the time with great events:
We stand and wait in wonder nigh to fear.

The centuries ever die to music grim,
The clash of swords, the cannon's dreadful boom,
And rattle sharp of spiteful musketry,
While Progress stifles in the sulphurous gloom.

But ever through the weary, waning years
A Purpose works which we must blindly trust.
Until the din is o'er, the warcloud laid,
And songbirds singing where the cannon rust.

We do our little tasks in college halls,
Our little tasks in office, shop and field,
And sneer at things our fathers loved so well
Until our rare conceit is all revealed.

With all the wondrous love of modern days,
With all the new-found power to see afar,
With all the ties that bind the world in one,
We stare like Adam at the tireless star.

We move in narrow circles, which we make
Into a world in which we wholly live,
Until at length some day our poor skies fall,
And all our gold runs through our foolish sieve.

Alas, our knowledge brings not happiness,
Because the still small voice we fail to heed.
Wealth, fame and knowledge cannot make us men
Without devotion to the Master's creed.

The stern, strong call of duty rings to-day
Right loud and clear. Who heeds is great and wise;
Too oft we turn the deaf and callous ear
And sleep serene with heedless, foolish eyes.

This is our greeting to the coming century:
All hail, great opportunity for good.
You will fill hearts with sorrow and with joy,
God grant you bring to us *true brotherhood*.

After another selection by the orchestra, Bro. Glazebrook introduced the orator, Bro. Edward Lyle, one of the senators of the "Old Dominion," and one of her most eloquent sons, and, above all, a loyal Alpha Tau. From the first, his audience was with him. The ladies, especially, were charmed by his graceful allusion to their presence and his tribute, "Whatever a woman's hand touches it consecrates." He was happy in his manner and delivery, and was frequently interrupted by bursts of applause, which were prolonged when he had done. His oration was as follows:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Ever since Phi Beta Kappa published her ritual to justify her existence, and revealed to the student world the fact that college fraternities have a higher aim than mere social pleasure or jocund fellowship, the Greek letter fraternity has been too important a factor in college life to be overlooked or ignored; and the circumstances surrounding it must be exceptional or the college must indeed be a college in name only, that has not one or more chapters of these fraternities organized among its students.

That they are permitted by college authorities to exist openly, without opposition, as they do in the majority of cases, and more frequently than not, receive the active support of one or more of the members of the faculty, must cause any thinking man, who is not an initiate, to hesitate before he condemns them because they work in secret.

Their many patent benefits, the ardent loyalty and enthusiasms of their members, and their potency in undergraduate life, so greatly recommend them, that, in the majority of cases, the problem the undergraduate finds himself confronted with in this connection, is not, will he join a fraternity, but will he be asked to join.

It is not my intention, however, to discuss modern fraternity life, as it presents itself in the local chapter. I want to call attention to one sphere of fraternity influence, that suggests itself to my mind, in connection with a national fraternity such as Alpha Tau Omega, and that is, its influence upon citizenship; I want to speak of the college fraternity man as a citizen, to direct your minds, just for a few moments, to thoughts of patriotism and the duties of citizenship, and try to show you a reason for your fraternity's existence, that possibly you have not fully grasped and will not so grasp until you have severed your connection with the chapter; until you are an alumnus and view your fraternity no longer from the limits of the local circle, but see it as a national fraternity, and a factor not only in school life but also as a means for shaping even the national life upon broader and firmer lines.

I deem myself fortunate that I speak to you on such a subject in this city. There is a peculiar sentiment of reverence in our hearts for this old city. I doubt not in the familiarity that constant association brings, its inhabitants feel it in a measure less than we strangers from the many states that we represent; but no true American citizen of any state in our union, certainly

no college bred man, can approach for the first time this spot, among the earliest to feel the birth-throes of his nation, without having aroused in him the purest sentiments of patriotism of which the human heart is capable.

Such a thought naturally suggests other and similar spots, and you can readily understand how, as I talk to you to-day, I cannot help recalling that on almost this very day one year ago, I was speaking to the students of William and Mary College, of my native state, on that peninsula between Yorktown and Richmond, in old Virginia, the centre of a theatre of action where perhaps more men have laid down their lives for pure patriotism, for love of country, than in any other spot on the earth.

The thought came to me then,—although I did not then give it utterance—as it comes to me now, that one of the most beautiful parts of our fraternity life, one justification of it, regardless of all of the many other reasons for its existence as a fraternity, or the existence of any other fraternity, organized along similar lines, is the strong bond of sympathy it constitutes between the students, not only of one section or State, but between our fraternity men in all the States, the personal knowledge it gives to the members of each chapter of the members of the other chapters of the same fraternity. Not a vague predilection, one for the other, or an impractical idealistic attempt at friendship, but an intelligent understanding, each of the other, and his aims and efforts, brought forcibly to the attention of the members, by frequent meetings in national fraternal congresses, and the unceasing work of the fraternal journals, such as that of the most admirable of them all, our own "PALM".

I think I see one result of this work in the wonderful unanimity of thought among our members.

It has been my good fortune, in the few years that have elapsed since I left my local chapter, to attend most of the general meetings of my fraternity, and I am particularly impressed with the fact, that the college fraternity man, mentally, is not to be classified by locality, that it is not safe to prejudge his opinions by the locality from which he may come as a delegate to our congress.

I find him to be a man with strong opinions of his own, but of open mind, impressionable, and willing to see and concede things because of his neighbor's standpoint, as well as to claim them because of his own, with absolute freedom from that most exasperating mental attitude, than which there is none so antagonistic to friendly understanding between people of equal social

grade and training, and that is one assumed or asserted, not so much because it may be considered right or thought to be commendable by the person assuming or expressing it, but willfully, because it is known to be antagonized by others; a freedom which seems at times to be lacking in the deliberations even of the highest councils of our land.

In these young men thus trained and disposed, I think I see a heaven of good even in the nation at large.

The unit of measurement of a nation, is the average of the individuals composing that nation, and by this standard we may measure not only their material strength, but also their development of the higher intellectual faculties and those attributes that apply only to peoples of high culture and civilization; and I take it, that when any individual becomes narrow, permits the generous feelings of his heart to contract, when he begins to think and feel upon merely local lines, that to that extent his nation loses in the sum total of its dignity and of its coherence.

The college-bred man has much to do with the average of intelligence in our nation, and will in the future have more to do than he has had in the past with the national policy and the active management of political affairs.

The time at my disposal is too short to demonstrate this, but, take my word for it, it is the result of careful thought and not a statement hazarded to fill in a sentence or round a period.

In him we should have a citizen whose influence is for the best interests of the whole nation, and not merely for some portion of the same, whose political idea is not that the greatest good for the greatest number primarily means the good of his immediate class or locality, after which he may consider the good of the nation at large. We should have in him a man who does not allow himself to believe that there is not even a germ of self-governing instinct or executive ability to be developed, or if developed, that should be allowed assertion, outside of a well-defined, highly specialized class.

Indeed, it would seem that if we were given a college man of integrity and high purpose, that with his trained mind and mental force, we should have in him the ideal citizen, the highest factor of patriotism.

This, however, is not necessarily true, for such a man has had his mind directed along but one line of political thought, has never lifted up his mental vision to see what is beyond the problems or the prejudices of his own immediate locality or people;

has pharisaically shrugged his shoulders at political unrighteousness around him, and neglected or shunned his share of the work that will prevent it, if he has been content to criticise the people of one section of his country, never felt his heart expand in sympathy for the difficulties that confront them, and whose attitude in the face of those difficulties he is perhaps prone to criticise, difficulties, it may be, never brought home to him or his people; or, if he has been content to scorn a race or class of his nation's people, and never lifted up his hand to help them, or took thought to aid them in their struggle to rise to higher, to better things, and never sought to bring to them a knowledge of their existence: I say that that man, with all of his training, and all of his strength of mental grasp, distinctly lowers the average of patriotism in this or any other nation.

Yet, how often do we find men of the highest education, men in the most responsible stations, who by reason of prejudice, are totally incapable of doing justice to, or of judging correctly of their country as a whole, or who fail to take part in the practical political work of the citizen.

I say that such a citizen distinctly lowers the average of the higher citizenship, the average of true patriotism in this, or any other nation, for no nation can be better or higher or stronger than the aggregate of the units composing it.

Massachusetts, with all of her glorious past, with all of her roll of illustrious sons, with all of her present wealth and future promise, is but one bright star of a nation's crown. Virginia, God bless her! whose sons love her as they love the mother around whose knees they gathered in childhood for comfort and for guidance, whose history seems to me to be sufficiently bright to shed glory upon any empire, is but another star in the same crown.

Let me not, in the warmth of my feeling, and the enthusiasm of youth, wander afield from my subject. That citizenship is best, and that patriotism is highest, that takes into account the good of the whole nation even to the detriment of the dearest part.

Who of us does not love to linger over those pages of our national history that tell us of the days when Mr. Adams of Massachusetts, and Colonel Washington of Virginia, with the delegates from the rest of the colonies, met to consider of the good, not of one colony, but of all.

It does seem to me that this is the typical period of our national life, and whether those men planned for a larger State

than one narrow strip of land, or a stronger bond than one at the will of each of the contracting parties, be that as it may, the irresistible march of events has pushed away the barriers, and a broad country lies before us, one that calls for a patriotism equally as broad, a country the remotest corners of which command respect and admiration, and whose humblest citizen is entitled to share with the greatest, in political advantage and opportunity for material well-being.

I abate not one jot of that pride of birth and lineage that every man should have for himself and accord freely to others; that love I feel for my native State I expect others to feel in like degree for their own, but I do say, that the day is gone when the man who lingers in the past should lead the van of political thought.

I assert that intelligence and integrity, and not birth or location, are the fundamental principles of citizenship, and that no man lives up to the full requirements of American citizenship, who is not in full sympathy with the whole of the great American Commonwealth.

For I consider no man an ideal citizen of any nation, who does not work for the good of and believe in his nation as a whole, regardless of the race, creed or geographical location of any unit composing the nation.

A great and a good citizen of this Commonwealth—Phillips Brooks—once said, that no man could be a Christian and be an American, and not be an optimist. It is the sentiment of a man with a young heart, one who never let the Divine thrill of rosy-fingered youth die out in his being; and I commend it to you, young men.

Perhaps, as the wasting years come on; perhaps, when time frosts my head with age, I may change, but now I see in the new century much of promise for my people.

True, there are burdens to bear and brave blows to strike, but they represent those things in life's field of action that ever bring a flush to the cheek of youth and make him strain forward on the leash, eager to be in the thick of it; for no young man worth mentioning ever looked forward to a life that was not as heroic as the days of chivalry.

It is a God-given gift, your youthful enthusiasm, and will carry you past many difficulties that would stay the feet of cautious age.

And though we, in our youthful imaginings, may paint in higher colors than the reality will be, yet in your judgment, you

of riper years, are we far wrong when we say that our people are but entering into a period of development, that will smelter the crude ores of the past to mould in fullness the rounded, the perfect American citizen?

I feel I do not strain for a point, when I say that the men are now in our universities and colleges who will furnish the major portion of the brains to do this work, and that the teachers of the youths who are to come after them are now there.

Does it not appeal to your reason, and commend itself to your judgment, as a true statement worthy of your consideration, that the college man who has had his friendly attention directed to the aims, the efforts, the ambitions and to the difficulties that surround similar young men all over this Union, will possibly develop into a broader citizen by reason of such knowledge, and that I am not over-enthusiastic when I see in the fraternity man, not only the members of my own, but in all such men, the possibilities of broader citizenship and higher patriotism.

This is the portion of fraternity life to which I direct your attention; this is the thought that came to me as the one on which to address you:

That Alpha Tau Omega is not only a pleasant social organization, not only a means of closer friendship, not only a splendid incentive and wonderful aid in college work, but is also doing a patriotic work, and one that tends to upbuild the national life, and raise our patriotism to a higher plane.

And I love to remember that she was founded by the youth of my native state, at a time when bitterness and sectional prejudice might have been expected in the hearts of the founders, and, if found, have been forgiven.

I love to remember that among these young men, there were hearts big enough and minds far-seeing enough, to realize that the youth of this land, without yielding one iota of pride in the deeds of their fathers or respect for their tenets of thought, would some day with self-respect meet on a common plane, would some day find that the good of one was the good of all.

The youth of 1864 is the sage of to-day, but year after year, a constantly widening circle extends the sphere of influence of the fraternity then founded. Year after year its members meet in council round the chair of one of those founders. God grant that he may be spared to us yet many years; but in this fraternity, with its principles of integrity, of purity and of patriotism, he hath builded to himself a memorial more lasting than polished marble, or monumental brass, for each successive year will his

own youth be recalled and renewed, and his memory kept green in the breasts of ingenuous youth, the wearers of the Maltese Cross.

The Worthy Grand Chief then announced that the national Alpha Tau Omega anthem would be sung, for the first time, by the audience standing. It was rendered very effectively with the assistance of the orchestra, and ended the public exercises.

THE CONGRESS BALL.

The New Orleans brothers deserve the credit of introducing a new feature among the social events of Congress week, and which has proved the most attractive and enjoyable of all, the Congress ball. No one who attended that splendid occasion could be left in doubt of the success of the innovation. It is a pleasant memory with all who were fortunate enough to be present, and one which will not soon fade into oblivion. Of this the Boston brothers were convinced, and, acting on that conviction, they arranged an event which was, in every way, a credit to their united efforts and pronounced a splendid success by all who attended.

Pierce Hall was the scene of this social event, and was attractive enough when the guests arrived. Every arrangement had been made with taste and careful attention to detail, and the scene presented, especially from the small balcony at one side of the pretty ball-room, was indeed attractive.

Delightful music was furnished by the famous Poole's Orchestra. There were twenty dances and four extras, two-steps and waltzes alternating. The selections were made with extremely good judgment and taste, and some of the southern airs were hailed with cheers, especially "Dixie," which always seems to have the power to render an American audience, of whatever section, half frantic. Northern airs were also given a good reception, and altogether the brothers seemed to be having a highly enjoyable time with the new found Boston sisters throughout the evening. It was especially noticeable that the caricatured maiden who, by some humorists, is supposed to be native to Boston, and who is wont to wear glasses and carry about a high-

ly intellectual, spectacled, old-maid expression, and talk logarithms, Emerson and Ibsen to the exclusion of every day topics of conversation, was conspicuous by her absence, and the girls who were present were remarkable for their beauty and grace. No Alpha Tau who attended this ball will hereafter permit the Boston girl to be maligned.

The dance went merrily from an early hour to an extremely late one, and the music possessed such a charm and fascination that even the dignified ex-chairman and the present chairman of the High Council were almost persuaded to take active part in the dance. We believe Bro. Glazebrook was of the opinion that if there had been square dances on the program, he could hardly have refrained, especially when some charming girl, with admiration in her eyes for the founder of her favorite fraternity, made bold to exercise a leap year privilege of suggesting a dance, even though the calendar has been twisted so that one leap year is skipped. Bro. Shives kept busy, and Bro. Thomas and party looked on from the balcony. In fact it was noticeable that those who didn't dance had just as good a time looking on as the actual dancers, which is the true Alpha Tau Omega spirit.

It is estimated that about one hundred couples were present, and yet there was no crowding in the dance or at refreshments. The latter were served in an adjoining room, and were abundant and varied. In fact, it seemed as though the brothers had anticipated the Congress banquet. There was everything that heart could desire from the substantial to the dainty and refreshing, while the service was adequate. The brothers who had these refreshments in charge were certainly not the least deserving of our Congress hosts.

The banners of the chapters were put to good use for decorative purposes, while palms are always considered appropriate for Alpha Tau Omega functions, and they were arranged tastefully in the reception rooms and at the end of the ballroom where the orchestra was stationed.

The floor director was Bro. Forrest S. Lunt, with Bro. Clyde B. Kenty as assistant, and Bros. Fred M. Randlett, William C.

West, Stanley M. Timberlake and Bertram O. Young, as aids.

The patronesses were Mrs. Pres. Elmer H. Capen, Mrs. Pres. Henry S. Pritchett and Miss Marie Ware Lauton, and the matrons were Mrs. Charles T. Cottrell, Mrs. Larkin W. Glazebrook, Mrs. N. Wiley Thomas, Mrs. Louis C. Ehle and Mrs. N. Lincoln Green. These ladies acted as the reception committee.

The young ladies present were from Boston, Dorchester, Somerville, Malden, Worcester, Providence, R. I., Portland, Me., also from Tufts College, Northeastern Conservatory of Music, Wellesley and La Salle. One young lady was from Alabama and another had come from Chicago.

The occasion was delightful in every respect, and confirmed the visiting brothers in the opinion that in Boston, as elsewhere, the social standing of Alpha Tau Omega is the very best-

THIRD MORNING SESSION.

The delegates were thoroughly impressed throughout the sessions of Congress with the idea that they were at Boston first and foremost to attend to fraternity business and duties, and that pleasure must be considered secondary. Yet it must be confessed that the charms of the Boston girls and the other guests who had graced the ball with their presence had served to prolong it to such late hours, that an easy excuse was found for some tardiness at the last morning session. Business was not, however, greatly delayed, and received proper and adequate attention.

Information having come to Congress that Mrs. John K. Cowen, who had also attended the Cleveland and New Orleans Congresses, was in Boston, on motion of Bro. O. A. Glazebrook, promptly seconded by Bros. Saner, Tolliver and Ruffin, it was resolved that the Worthy Grand Scribe be instructed to extend to her the sympathy of Congress in her illness, together with a fitting floral tribute, and that flowers be also sent in behalf of Congress to the other visiting Alpha Tau sisters, including Mrs. L. W. Glazebrook, Mrs. Louis C. Ehle, Mrs. N. Wiley Thomas and Mrs. Paul R. Hickok.

A special committee was appointed by the Worthy Grand

Chief to look into the matter of differences affecting a prominent chapter, whose name was not disclosed, and Bros. James B. Green, Paul R. Hickok and R. E. L. Saner were appointed to serve on such committee, with full power to act in the premises.

The report of the special committee on the Provincial System, to whom had been referred all recommendations on this subject, was then read by Bro. Ruffin for the chairman, Bro. James B. Green, and presented a constitutional amendment for the consideration of Congress.

It was also recommended in this report that a committee of three, of which the then Worthy Grand Chief should be one, should be appointed for the purpose of making arrangements for the practical working of the system, if adopted.

On motion, this report was adopted, after some discussion by Bros. Ruffin, O. A. Glazebrook and James B. Green, and was ordered submitted in the manner provided by the Constitution.

The Worthy Grand Chief then appointed a committee on the nomination of officers, consisting of Bros. Ulrich B. Phillips, of N. Y. Alpha Lambda. George Maguire, of Me. Beta Upsilon, and Harold M. Bush, of N. Y. Beta Theta.

Bro. R. E. L. Saner then presented his report as W. G. K. A., which was systematic and complete and furnished some very valuable statistics and suggestions. It was especially commended by Bros. N. Wylie Thomas and Otis A. Glazebrook, and it was received with a rising vote. Bro. Saner gave special credit to Bro. George W. Mitchell for assistance in compiling the report. It was suggested that it be printed and distributed to the chapters.

The report of the committee on song book was then read by the Worthy Grand Chief, none of the members being in attendance at Congress. It showed that the committee had been unable to make much progress, because of lack of assistance from the chapters, which have shown little interest in the work. At first, only three chapters responded to communications. Then the committee requested of the Worthy Master of each chapter the names of alumni or undergraduate members interested in

music and literary work. Eighteen answers were received, and some good work was eventually received, but not enough to warrant the publication of a book of songs. In two years, the good songs which have come to the hands of the committee do not exceed ten in number. The report was signed by Bros. Clinton, Harrington and Gannon, of N. Y. Beta Theta.

The committee on finance then reported on the report of W. G. K. E. Tolliver: "We wish to express our unqualified approval of the splendid manner in which Bro. Tolliver is keeping these vitally important accounts."

The special committee to which had been referred the petition of the Psi Omega Club at Western Reserve, then made a favorable report, asking for the indorsement of Congress. On motion of Bro. Otis A. Glazebrook, the report was adopted as read. Bro. Shives spoke heartily in favor of the petition and desired the granting of a charter by Congress, and the matter was referred to the Worthy High Chancellor for his opinion.

On motion of Bro. Glazebrook, the matter of the selection of the place of meeting of the eighteenth biennial Congress was taken up. Bro. Ehle placed Chicago in nomination, and extended a cordial welcome to that city in 1902, and Bro. West, of Mass. Gamma Beta, because of Bro. Ehle's withdrawal of Chicago in favor of Boston, at New Orleans, in 1898, seconded the nomination in a very graceful speech, as did Bro. Shives, who had desired to support the city of Pittsburg, and the invitation was thereupon unanimously accepted.

The Worthy Grand Chief then called attention to the remarkable coincidence that for four different Congresses Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon have selected the same meeting places.

Bro. Ehle then offered an amendment in regard to the granting of new charters, which was debated at considerable length. It provided for a probationary period, and was passed by a large majority after several amendments had been made.

The Worthy High Chancellor then reported on the point of constitutional law involved in the report of the special committee

on Western Reserve, approving said report, which was adopted.

New York Alpha Omicron then presented its chapter call as the official fraternity call, which, upon motion of Bro. O. A. Glazebrook, was adopted.

Bro. Ruffin moved the appointment of a special Congress Committee on constitutional amendments at each Congress hereafter, which was carried.

The Committee on Delinquencies then reported in regard to the failure of certain chapters to send delegates, and recommended the infliction of the proper penalty, and the report was adopted by Congress.

Congress then adjourned until 2 P. M.

LAST SESSION OF CONGRESS.

After Bro. Green, Worthy High Chancellor, had presented his report on several constitutional questions presented to him, Bro. Saner presented the report of the Committee on Official Register. It recommended more systematic preparation of the annual reports, suggesting data which should be covered, and also that these reports should be made uniform in size. The size of the page of the PALM was recommended.

Recommendations were also made in regard to the manner of reporting initiates and checking same between the W. G. K. E., W. G. K. A. and provincial chiefs, and publication of the report of the W. G. K. A. and the preparation of chapter annals books.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Ways and Means report, having been amended on motion of Bro. Shives, was then presented and adopted. It referred especially to the reports of the Worthy Grand Chief, the Chairman of the High Council, the Catalogue and Song-book Committees. The report of the Worthy Grand Chief was especially commended for its thoroughness and exhaustive character. The adoption of the provincial system was recommended and the matter of extension received considerable attention, while the organization of college clubs in colleges where it is not considered desirable to place chapters was advised. Recommendations were also made in regard to the alumni certificates, the publica-

tion of the constitution and secret work, the badge, meetings of the High Council, the ritual, the catalogue and the song book.

Bro. Erdman called attention of Congress to a misunderstanding which had arisen between his chapter and the W. G. K. E. some time ago, and same was promptly adjusted.

The following telegram was then read from Bro. Irving Bacheller: "I send to my fraternity hearty thanks for its kind message and to every Alpha Tau member assurance of my love."

A letter was read from Mrs. L. W. Glazebrook expressing her thanks for a gift of roses, and the thanks of Mrs. Thomas and Miss Miller were presented by Bro. Shives.

Bro. Morrison, of Nebraska Gamma Theta made a taking address in favor of Northwestern extension, a theme which promptly received the ardent advocacy of Bro. Otis A. Glazebrook.

Bro. Allott of Ohio Alpha Nu extended a cordial invitation to Congress to attend the Ohio State Conclave, which was received with thanks; and Bro. Drennen of Ala. Beta Delta strongly advocated the wearing of a badge by every brother.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Committee on Nominations then reported the following slate: For Worthy Grand Chief, George H. Lamar, of Washington, D. C.; for Worthy Grand Chaplain, Paul R. Hickok, of Cleveland, O.; for Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, R. E. L. Saner, of Dallas, Tex.; for Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer, Zac Tolliver, of Gallatin, Tennessee; for Worthy Grand Scribe, David A. White, of Mebane, N. C.; for Worthy High Chancellor, James B. Green, of the University of Virginia; for Fraternity Architect, Hugh Martin, of Birmingham, Ala.; for Members of the High Council, Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, of Elizabeth, N. J., Dr. N. Wiley Thomas, of Philadelphia, Pa., Hon. Thomas G. Hayes, of Baltimore, Md., Irving Bacheller, of New York City, and C. T. Cottrell, of Boston, Mass.; for Orator, Chauncey W. Martyn, of Chicago, Ill.; for Alternate Orator, H. Garland Dupre, of New Orleans, La.; for Poet, Russell M. Taft, of Burlington, Vt.; for

Alternate Poet, Elias P. Lyon, of the University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

On motion of Bro. Ehle the report was received and Congress took up the nominations individually. The result was the election of the complete slate by acclamation.

Bro. Lamar, in response to calls for a speech, made a very fitting address, in which he expressed doubt as to his own ability to fill the place so ably occupied by the retiring Worthy Grand Chief, and asked the hearty support of all the brothers, as the only means whereby his office might be satisfactorily conducted.

FURTHER BUSINESS.

In this way the work of Congress was substantially completed, but some minor business remained to be transacted, and there was quite a general discussion of matters already partly considered.

Bros. A. W. McCord and George W. Mitchell were, on motion of Bro. Ruffin, made members of the special committee on the provincial system, of which Bro. L. W. Glazebrook is chairman.

Bros. Lamar and Ehle introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously passed by rising vote:

"WHEREAS, the retiring Worthy Grand Chief, Dr. L. W. Glazebrook, and the Chairman of the High Council, Prof. E. J. Shives, have for many years past devoted their untiring efforts to the advancement of the interests of the Fraternity, and have each been an inspiration to the brothers, be it

"Resolved, That the unstinted thanks of the Fraternity are due and are hereby extended to each of these brothers for the great work which they have been instrumental in accomplishing in the furtherance of the cause of Alpha Tau Omega."

Bro. Ehle spoke at some length and with much feeling on the subject of the resolution, and gave the results of his own experience as associated in fraternity work with Bros. Glazebrook and Shives, whose services he considered could never be properly valued by those who had not had personal knowledge of same.

Bros. Chaffe and Lamar presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

"WHEREAS, the first meeting of the Congress of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity in New England has been characterized by cordiality and untiring efforts on the part of members and organizations of the Fraternity in and about the city of Boston and throughout New England, as well as from many of her distinguished citizens;

"Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of Congress be, and they are hereby extended to the good people of Boston and all of the brothers of New England, for their splendid reception of the Seventeenth Biennial Congress of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity."

On motion of Bro. Phillips, the thanks of Congress were also extended to the press of Boston and the Brunswick Hotel management for courtesies and consideration received.

Bros. Shives and Glazebrook made feeling speeches on their retirement from office, and each assured Congress that he did not intend to retire from work for the fraternity, but would always have her best interests at heart, and do his best to advance same. Their remarks were received with applause and fraternity cheers.

The work of Congress having been finished, the impressive closing ceremonies followed, and as the gavel of the Worthy Grand Chief fell, the Seventeenth Congress was ended, all but the banquet, which is described elsewhere.

THE CONGRESS BANQUET.

ALTHOUGH perhaps the briefest Congress banquet in recent years, that held on December 28, 1900, at the Brunswick Hotel, was one of the most enjoyable and best conducted. It took place in the same room in which the sessions of Congress had been held, but it had been specially arranged for the occasion, and presented a very attractive appearance, when the brothers filed in to their places.

The menu card by Dreka was a souvenir worthy of the most elaborate dinner. It was about five inches by nine, of a very attractive shade of blue, and tied with blue and gold ribbons, while the fraternity badge was stamped on a gold coat of arms

upon a black background surrounded with a gold border, representing an impression seal. This in turn was surrounded with narrow scrollwork, representing white ribbon streamers and bows. The central part of the card was sunken, and shaded in portions to a darker blue, and on this was printed "Alpha Tau Omega 17th Biennial Congress. Boston, December 28, 1900."

The menu within was as follows:

Blue Points.

Mock Turtle. Consommé Imperial. Sherry.

Filet of Beef. Larded Mushrooms.

Roast Capon. Giblet Sauce.

Potatoes au Gratin.

Sweet Corn. Red Kidney Beans.

Lobster a la Newburg en Casses.

Pear Fritters. Glace au Cognac. Claret.

Maraschino Ice.

Broiled Quail on Toast. Saratoga Chips.

Dressed Lettuce and Escarole. Mumms Extra Dry.

Raspberry Charlottes. Madeira Jelly.

Assorted Cakes. Harlequin Ice Cream.

Olives. Fruit. Cheese.

Coffee.

Space was provided for autographs, and then followed the list of toasts, which read as follows:

"Now let's begin, boys;

Let's rub it in, boys."

Toastmaster. Dr. Larkin White Glazebrook, Washington, D. C.

Long Years Ago, 1865-1900. Rev. Otis Allan Glazebrook, D. D.,

Elizabeth, N. J.

"Grandeur, strength and grace,

Are here to speak for thee."

Our Immortal Dead

Silence.

The True Meaning of the Fraternity Life. Irving Bacheller,

New York City.

"Friendship is the nearest thing

We know to what religion is."

The Future of Alpha Tau Omega. Thomas Ruffin, University of North Carolina.

The Goat. James Brown Green, University of Virginia.

"And yet I'm no kid."

Hail to Columbia. Ulrich Bonnell Phillips, Columbia University.

"Long may her standard wave."

The 17th Biennial Congress. Charles Thurston Cottrell, Boston.

"Oh! how delightful."

Impromptu Toasts.

Alpha Tau Omega Songs.

"The feast is over, the guests are fed,

It is time to be old, it is time for bed."

On the last printed page followed the lists of the committees of arrangements, entertainment and on banquet. The last committee was made up of Bros. Stanley M. Timberlake, William T. Lane, George Maguire, J. Irwin Tucker and Bertram Otho Young.

Needless to say, the banquet was all that could be expected, and this was attested by the devoted attention of the brothers present. When coffee was served, the Worthy Grand Chief arose, and, after a few introductory remarks, introduced the toastmaster, who, in turn, introduced Bro. Otis A. Glazebrook, whose response is always the great feature of our Congress banquets.

In a feeling way our founder rehearsed the history of the fraternity, telling of the small beginning and loyal struggles of the early days, and the rare devotion of all to the cause of Alpha Tau Omega. The speaker then outlined his conception of the true principles on which such an organization as ours must rest, and closed with a prophecy of a bright future for the fraternity. The toast was received with the fraternity yell and with long applause, such as no other speaker can ever hope to provoke from such an audience.

After a song, the toastmaster arose and read the list of the fraternity's dead since last Congress, including Marion Ashley McCranie, Va. Delta; Robert Alexander Waller, Va. Beta; Thomas Alston Kimbrough, Ala. Beta Beta; William Lincoln Jones, Me. Gamma Alpha; William Ruffin Tucker, N. C. Alpha

Delta; Sidney Johnson, Ky. Zeta; Ernest Gibson, Ga. Alpha Zeta; Robert Edward Haussler, Ill. Gamma Zeta; Edward Reynolds Wade, Tenn. Alpha Tau; Frank Miles Hitch, Ga. Beta Iota; Edward Ireland Renick, Va. Epsilon; Edward Miles Gadsden, Va. Beta; William Lynn Cochran, Va. Delta; Bernard Jacques Pink, N. Y. Alpha Omicron; Charles Hunter Ross, Ala. Alpha Epsilon; and Alexander Barry Whitney, Ga. Beta Iota and N. Y. Beta Theta.

The following verses were then read:

When a star fades in the sky,
Other stars still shine on high,
Twinkling just as cold and bright
As when it was still alight,
And in all the starry spheres
Not a sign of grief appears.

When a flower fades and dies,
Not another flower sighs;
All her sisters bright and fair
Still perfume the waiting air,
But no grief they ever show
While their sister fair lies low.

But when death knocks at our door,
Then the heart grows sad and sore;
Then tears flood the reddened eyes,
And the soul is wrung to sighs,
But in mem'ry fond and dear,
Our dead live in love sincere.

When a brother's called away,
Still his love with us will stay;
And, whene'er his brothers meet,
They will hold his memory sweet,
While they toast him heartily
And his loved fraternity.

Then, up all, and drink this toast
To the dear and growing host
Of our dead. Hail to one! and hail to all
God grant death may not call
Quite so frequently henceforth
On our loved ones here on earth.

The toast was drunk in silence by all standing.

In Bro. Bacheller's absence, Bro. Frederick Tupper, of the University of Vermont, responded to the next toast in a very felicitous manner, and brought forward some excellent ideas on the subject. Bro. Tupper has been fortunate in having enjoyed fraternity opportunities in both North and South, and he has evidently made good use of his opportunities for observation, and has a very happy way of presenting his views, as was shown by the enthusiasm aroused by his response.

Bro. Tupper was followed by Bro. Thomas Ruffin, who has attended many Congress banquets, but never before responded to a toast. That the brothers have suffered by his former silence was proved by the able manner in which he pictured the future of our fraternity to the entire satisfaction of those present, as they fully demonstrated by the hearty reception they gave the popular speaker and his remarks.

Bro. Green, our famous blind brother, always gets a new hold on the brothers at each succeeding Congress, and never loses the popularity he has gained in the past, and, according to custom, we present his response as delivered, merely premising that he was repeatedly interrupted by hearty applause.

“Brother Toastmaster and Beloved:

“Whenever I pause in the course of these remarks you understand it to be for applause, and the longer the one, the louder the other. A speaker must have time to catch his breath and pick up any loose ends of thought not well in hand. I say to you confidentially that I had hoped to be assigned to the city of our entertainment, and I had gathered my wits for a serious vein. It has always been a mystery to me that unless I speak as your chancellor you will not take me seriously. Coming from the legal and political capital of the country to the literary and dogmatical

one, I furbished up my history and literature as to Bunker Hill, the Tea-party, Emerson, Lowell, Longfellow and Dr. Holmes. I wanted to draw a beautiful parallel between the Massachusetts Bay colony, where the first blow of the Revolution was struck, and the mother of states and of statesmen who viewed the closing scenes of that struggle. Instead of a lecture on Natural History I counted on the privilege of graver discussions. To be confronted with a goat in place of these ancient worthies stung me to the quick. If there be one thing, however, dear to the lawyer's mind above another it is relevancy and I will to my theme.

"Just after your smoker the other night I retired after the manner of orderly citizens and before composing myself to sleep had some reflection. The owl stands for wisdom, that is, Boston; the mule for uncertainty—politics; the goat, joy—Alpha Tau Omega. As I lay there the bird of night came in through my transom, and not finding any bust of Pallas to light on, like Poe's raven, he perched on the footboard of my bed, and made the following disclosures:

"On Christmas Eve I was in Washington, he said, where I visited a chamber in the capital where nine elderly gentlemen were making merry and holding a rehearsal. The spokesman amid the popping of champagne corks arose and delivered the following opinion: 'The question in the cause before us is, Does the Constitution *ex propria vigori* or in any other way follow the flag? It is to be considered in four aspects, namely, first, has the territory been acquired by the sword? if so, the people must perish by the sword or become invertebrates by the surgery of that instrument. Second, Where the territory has been acquired partly by the sword and partly by purchase, the first rule applies to that part acquired by conquest, and the doctrine *caveat emptor* applies to the latter, the difficulty lying in the separation. Third, Where the addition is entirely the result of purchase the terms of the conveyance or treaty govern under the three maxims: *caveat emptor*, look out for the locomotive, and the devil take the hindmost. And fourth, Where anterior or subsequent to the acquisition the people have spoken at the polls in tones that the deafest adder could hear, then the Constitution may or may not apply, as the case may be.'

"I had hoped, being drowsy, that this clear exposition would be the last of my friend, but winking his left eye he said: 'I would not advise you to speculate on this as a leak from the court and I am ready to give you a song.' 'Make it short,' said I, and to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne" he began:

Ye sons of shell-fish gather round
And listen to my tale;
It's of as bold a mariner
As ever h'isted sail.

He ran into Manila Bay,
The morn was young and fair,
'Twas in the lovely month of May
And all was quiet there.

On Luzon's hills dark damsels danced
To flute and mandolin,
When suddenly, to their alarm,
Broke forth a horrid din.

The six and other pounders spoke
And, in a sleepy state,
The Spanish forts and men of war
Took part in the debate.

Our shot and shell were raining fast
On mast and spar and deck,
While theirs glanced off our steel-clad sides
Not hurting us a speck.

The hours passed and we grew tired,
Hunger began to gnaw;
When on the flag ship signal showed:
"Hall off and fill your crew."

We came again, refreshed and strong
With what we eat and drunk.
Till every Spanish ship that day
Was beached, or burned, or sunk.

Our fame was noised abroad by wire,
And when we sailed for home,
Our New York friends got up a show
Like those of ancient Rome.

Time out of mind it hath been known
That when Jack gets ashore,
He seeks the company of the fair
Whom sailor lads adore.

We all alike were subject
To this marine attack;

We made fast to the ladies' wharves
And swore we'd not go back.

Alas! for plans o' mice and men—
The fair our pockets drain;
And when another ship fits out,
We put to sea again."

"Here I fell asleep, and, thank heaven! when I awoke the bird was gone.

"In the South we are aware that at least two creatures of God's making understand each other, and this is saying a great deal when you reflect upon it psychologically—they are the nigger and the mule, and parenthetically I may say, both have their good points.

"One crisp October morning two horsemen might have been seen on a country road in Spotsylvania. One was mounted on a well-groomed, high-headed chestnut sorrel, and all his equipment denoted prosperity. The other was on a sorry mule, having a moth-eaten appearance, in keeping with that of the clothes of his rider. The first was an English land buyer and the other, a native. Inquiries as to product, water, soil and climate were put by the former and replied to cautiously and in a non-committal way by the latter. Suddenly the mule came to a stand, assumed a squatting attitude and began shivering from head to tail. "What is he doing, my friend," said the Englishman. The countryman pointed to a field by the roadside where several partridges were running about in the stubble, and said: "Do you see them birds, stranger? Isak's a-setting of 'em. Ef I had my gun here I'd show you some shootin'. Come up, Isak," and he lifted his beast with the bridle to a normal position. A thoughtful expression came over the face of the Englishman and he remarked: "That's a valuable animal of yours. I'm awfully fond of shootin'. How would you sell him?" "What! sell Isak? Don't you know, stranger, he keeps my family in game. The old 'oman and the childern would raise Cain ef I sold him. He'll go browsing along by a piece of woods, not study'n 'bout turkeys, and presently he'll have a wild gobbler by the leg and holler to me to come and git him." "How will you trade for my horse?" "I like your looks, stranger, and ef you'll give fifty dollars to boot, Isak is yours." Saddles were transferred then and there and shortly afterwards the travelers were forced to ford a stream girth deep, in the midst of which Isak resumed his squatting attitude with his rider's feet in the water. "What is he doing now, my friend,"

said the Englishman. "He sees a fish down yonder and he's a-settin of him. That's a setter mule you've got, stranger. So long. I got an app'intment and can't wait."

Question for the legal class—
Did title pass to horse or ass?

"When Isak was last seen, according to my informant, he was at home, looking over a worm fence at three colored tramps going down the road and singing:

"Three niggers went tramping out into the West,
Out into the West as the sun went down;
Each thought of provisions that he loved the best,
And a watchman stood watching them out of the town.
For white men must work while niggers may sleep,
And groceries are dear but chickens are cheap,
While the good old farmer lies snoring."

"The question for our consideration now is, "When does a man become a goat, and why?" The natural animal browsing on the usual indigestible material is familiar to you all and need not be alluded to. It is the alert, bright-looking college man whose conversion we are contemplating, and it is presumed that the function of initiation works the transformation. Tradition points to dark closets in masonic lodges where goats are stabled and brought forth to be ridden, clattering over hard floors and mystical bridges of time. From being part of the machinery by a figure of rhetoric, the goat becomes the candidate, and goes through with supposed joy all those mystical evolutions, ups and downs and hard knocks incident to becoming a brother tried and true, closing the ceremony with this song:

"The noble order Alpha Tau,
Descendants of A-dam,
We recognize our brethren
By the secret word "flimflam,"
Dressed in our full re-ga-li-a
Oh, faculty, give us room!
Please stand clear, don't interfere,
With a tea-rose in full bloom.
The first degree, all bend your knee
Then cross every hand,
Your head you dip and give the grip
And the pass word "Happy land".

Right on your ear, left on your eye,
Then march 'round the room
Initiate that freshman
In the tea-rose in full bloom.
When the little stars are shining,
And she winks the other eye,
While the rose vine sweetly twining,
It is time to say "Sweetheart, goodbye."

"The allusion to my tender years negatively is a needless cruelty. Anyone looking upon my aldermanic proportions will be convinced of that. Though I am responding to The Goat I am not bleating or crying for milk. The word "old" has several shades of meaning in our language, from the ordinary colorless reference to age through contempt and tenderness. If we speak of the "old faculty," the "old thing," or "old butter" (the latter having no reference whatever to the goat or to me), we imply something other than respect. If I talk of "Old Virginia," however, or of my "old girl," a flood of tender and warm emotion wells up. This cider, or, I beg pardon, Mumm's the word, fizzles and sparkles in my glass, but my wit has gone flat. I give you The Goat. May "sweetness" and "light," song and laughter, and the best of green pastures be his portion henceforth."

Bro. Phillips made a most effective response to the toast to Columbia, which augured well for the fulfillment of his prophecy that the revived chapter would prove one of the best on our list. His response was full of spirit and emphasis and was well received.

Bro. Cottrell ably closed the list of regular responses, expressing the hope of the Boston brothers that the visitors had found their stay in Boston pleasant and profitable, and that the promises made in New Orleans two years before had been fulfilled. His pleasing treatment of his subject provoked enthusiastic applause and the giving of the fraternity yell.

Throughout the evening songs and yells, original and old, enlivened the occasion. The fraternity anthem was sung standing.

One of the most impressive features of the banquet was the presentation of a fraternity badge from the brothers in attendance at Congress to our faithful and popular W. G. K. E., Bro. Tolliver. The presentation speech was by Bro. Otis A. Glazebrook, and ably voiced the feeling of the fraternity for this popular officer. Bro. Tolliver was deeply moved, and his thanks,

pronounced in a few modest words, gave evidence of his deep appreciation of the gift.

During the evening letters were read from the ladies who had been sent gifts of flowers, expressing their thanks to Congress.

Owing to the fact that it was necessary for quite a number of the brothers to leave early in order to catch the New York train, the toastmaster surrendered his place to the Worthy Grand Chief before midnight, and the regular program came to an end.

The brothers did not, however, disperse for some time, but insisted on informal toasts from several brothers. Bro. Harold Bush made a very taking response.

Finally, with a parting fraternity cheer, Congress came to an end, and the brothers prepared to depart for their several homes, except a few who were able to spend some additional time in visits to the interesting historical places near Boston.

SOME IMPRESSIONS OF CONGRESS.

IT is always desirable to get as many accounts of Congress as possible, and so the editor has asked for the views of certain prominent brothers which are here presented, without further comment:

L. C. EHLE, EDITOR PALM, Dear Bro.:

You have requested me to write my impressions of the Seventeenth Biennial Congress. Such a request is easily answered by me. It was just what I personally expected it to be; in other words, just what I hoped for. In order that this realization might be accomplished much work was thrown upon the entertaining brothers, but as all will agree, it was most successfully managed. It is not my purpose to compare it with previous Congresses; suffice it to say, that it illustrated the natural growth and enthusiasm which was expected of Alpha Tau Omega of the present day.

A few details will demonstrate the fact that it was a thoroughly successful gathering. Of forty-one chapters thirty-seven were represented by active delegates (active members of the chapters), of the four delinquent chapters, the excuse of Cal. Gamma Iota was readily accepted, owing to the fact that they were so recently organized and were so far away. Another delinquent chapter was represented by an alumnus, whose credentials were not accepted, the representative not being an active member at that time. Every grand officer and member of the High Council, with one exception (Worthy Grand Chaplain), was present. There were between 190 and 225 brothers present at different times during Congress. Over 150 were represented in the Congress photograph (the largest number before being ninety-six at the Sixteenth Congress). There were more alumni present than ever before. Many important questions arose, which were judiciously and expeditiously acted upon. To me, the fra-

ternity's retiring chief executive officer, the most gratifying facts were, that Alpha Tau Omega had proved her right to be classed as a national organization, and as a result of the short trial of the Provincial System unanimously adopted this method, which I feel sure will now give us a perfected organization, which is essential to further growth and development.

Although forced to relinquish my official duties on account of increased private work, I trust that all who have so faithfully coöperated with me during the last six years, will strive even more faithfully to assist the new Worthy Grand Chief.

Very fraternally,

LARKIN W. GLAZEBROOK, M. D.

DEAR BRO. EHLE:

Replying to your request for a few words as to my impressions of the Boston Congress, would say that the strongest impression upon my mind was the fact that the reports from every section, and indeed the very gathering itself, demonstrated that our fraternity is to-day in more prosperous condition than it has ever been, and seems to be entering upon a period of unequalled growth. The large attendance from New England, both the active chapter members and the many prominent and successful alumni, was a splendid testimonial to what Alpha Tau Omega has accomplished in that section. And the reports from every part of the country showed that the watchword of our fraternity for the last two years, "A perfect organization," has brought about results. There was evidence of an increase in promptness, thoroughness and businesslike attention to fraternity duties, most gratifying to note. Of course, there is still room for improvement, but the continuance of such well-directed efforts will soon place us in a position which will be enviable.

The arrangements made by our Boston brothers for the Congress seemed to me faultless in every respect, and the hearts of the Southern fellows were warmed mightily toward these New England brothers who entertained us so royally.

And the man who didn't have a good time at that Boston banquet ought to be scratched off the list.

Very fraternally,

GEORGE W. MITCHELL, Province Chief.

I have been asked by the editor of the PALM to give a few of my impressions of the Boston Congress of Alpha Tau Omega. This pleasant duty is a far lighter task than it would have been a month ago; for immediately after the passing of that delight

ful gathering, my recollection was a glowing medley of hand-clasps, songs, dances and speeches—in which hardly any one element could be definitely distinguished. Now that the molten mass of sentiment has cooled a little, I can pick out this or that happy phase of the whole, and discuss each with some semblance of repose. Though I greatly fear that enthusiasm may mar my account, yet I am sincerely glad that this record is a matter of feeling as well as of thought.

Where shall I begin? With the men, I suppose. And as I recall the crowd in the Brunswick lobby and prop up before me the library group, I can say, without the least hesitation, that the assembly was splendidly creditable not only to Alpha Tau, but to our American college world. The delegates seemed to me—and I do not speak without experience—typical of the finest features in academic life: its geniality, its heartiness, its culture, all found expression in the wide-awake young fellows that foregrounded from all corners of the country. Nor was this satisfying result in any way surprising. In every quarter noble institutions are on our rolls; in them our chapters hold no mean place, and these chapters had sent up their worthiest men. Hence the fine representativeness that many noticed. Here met on a common ground of high sentiment Virginians and Nebraskans, Texans and Vermonters, Georgians and Ohio men, with all their differences of speech and manner. My first impression was of the extent of our possessions, our genuinely national character.

As men of various minds and manners on an Atlantic steamer fall into only two divisions—those who have crossed before and those who have not—so our convention with all its diverse elements was divided into the two classes of veterans and unengaged men (if I may coin the word). The veterans—those heroes of a dozen fields, the Glazebrooks, Green, Shives, Lamar and other stalwarts—what a pleasure to seek them out, to shake their hands, to hear their reminiscences of Richmond, Washington, Cleveland, New Orleans, and from them all, despite the temptation to gild the past, came the verdict, “Our best Congress.” Surely our New England brothers (I speak now as a Carolinian) have reason to be proud of that praise. And the men who had never known a congress, how eagerly they entered into the spirit of it all, how readily they found companionship, how generously they stored their hearts for the boys at home. It was a joy in itself to observe such a delegate, standing apart and seeking vaguely to analyze his delight, his eyes flashing and his

face beaming with the realization of the thought that his college life would bring him few things more soul-filling than this experience.

Then the business of Congress—the occasion rather than the cause of our meeting. With what coolness, and calmness matters of weight were discussed! In what a little time masses of detail were “shoved behind us”! This quiet expedition impressed one as a really remarkable thing when I considered the intense glow of all present; and yet the double explanation was not far to seek. In the chair, a presiding officer, capable, businesslike and tactful; among the delegates, a sentiment of affection that made friction impossible. Love is a wonderful lubricant, and under its touch our wheels ran without clogging.

Lighter, gayer, and in some ways more memorable than the records of officers and the reports of chapters were the functions falling under the suggestively generic head of “entertainment.” And how royally we were entertained (my pen shies at everything but exclamations)! From the wild song and laughter of the “smoker” to the softer music and gentler tones of the “ball,” from the vivid eloquence of our public exercises (hurrah for old Virginia) to the merry stories of the “banquet”—such zest of life, such brilliancy of good fellowship ran through them all that they will long abide with us. It cannot be too often repeated that the choice of a place of meeting for our Seventeenth Congress was a hundred times justified.

Would any muster of impressions be complete without a word of the feeling that transfigured the meeting? Never was the difference between sentiment and sentimentality better emphasized. The emotion inspired was strong, enthusiastic, and, above all, healthy. In it not the least trace of exaggeration or hysteria. No pretense of friendliness that was not felt; no over-expression of a faintly existing affection, but everywhere a brotherhood, genuine, frank and manly! Who could remain three days in that atmosphere without becoming sensible of a certain elevation of spirit? Who that was thus uplifted will soon forget his gain? Such influences as this companionship go far toward making us better men.

Early in the week after the Congress I visited the Brunswick and stood in the lobby. Where were the good fellows who a few days before had made this hall resound? All scattered to the four winds by which they were blown hither. And yet I was not alone; something lingered with me that even now abides with every man who was of that gathering:

“The comrade heart
For a moment's play,
And the comrade heart
For a heavier day,
And the comrade heart
Forever and aye.”

FREDERICK TUPPER, JR.

MR. LOUIS C. EHLE, My Dear Sir and Brother:

In reply to your letter in which you ask me for a word touching my impressions of the Boston Congress, allow me to say that we enjoyed every hour of our stay in Boston, and the Congress was an inspiration to me as well as a prophecy of even brighter days for Alpha Tau Omega.

Mrs. Thomas and her friend, Miss Hussy R. Miller, were delighted with their visit to Boston. The spirit of Alpha Tau Omega and the courtesies extended to them have left the most pleasant memories.

Fraternally yours,

N. WILEY THOMAS.

DEAR BRO. EHLE:

Your favor of the 29th of January at hand. The contents of your letter honor me beyond my deserving, and call for more than I feel ready to meet. We are longing for your next PALM, but I have been a fraternity man for so short a time that I should not feel quite justified in attempting to write anything for its columns just yet. It will be a pleasure, however, for me to write to you informally some of my “impressions” of our recent meet in Boston, and in a general way you are at liberty to make any use of such notes as may serve you.

I deemed it fortunate for those of us who joined the fraternity this year that an opportunity to get into close touch with the organization at large was offered to us at the very threshold of our entrance into fraternity life. For myself, I had expected to receive an accretion to my enthusiasm, but this proved to be even a greater one than I had dared to anticipate. I think that I attended all of the business meetings and I was impressed with the manner and the matter of those sessions.

The dignified, courteous, businesslike rulings of the Worthy Grand Chief, the earnestness and clear-headedness of the officers the ready ability of delegates. the topics at issue, the large attendance, all this gave me an impression of a firm solidarity of impetus and moment which, once acquired, nothing short of wholesale disaster could ever check.

The structure of our organization, especially now that the system of Province sections is well in hand, seems to me to be strong and rational.

As for the social functions, I did not attend all of them, but I was present at the "smoker" and banquet. The latter was a happy and rich experience. A delightful feature of it, to my mind, was the instrumental rendering of various familiar ditties, folk-lore music, now of northern character, now of southern remembrance. To witness the tremendous enthusiasm which greeted these bits of sectional music, the quick, hearty, rousing cheer of our southern brothers for the northern airs, the equally sincere and spontaneous yells of the northern brothers for the southern tunes, the blessed unity and brotherly love of it all,—this, perhaps, you cannot understand, was almost enough to bring tears to the eyes of one old enough to remember scenes connected with those airs, scenes and times that were of the saddest that ever can befall a noble nation. God bless Alpha Tau Omega, and God bless all other fraternities and all other influences which tend to obliterate the last traces of remembrance of those days, and which tend to make our hearts beat with one throb. It was certainly a feast which spelled out very distinctly all that stands for brotherly love.

As for the "smoker," well, if a *howling* success was wanted the end in view was certainly attained. I was a little disappointed with that one function. I remained at the "smoker" for perhaps an hour and a half. Familiar as I am through my student life in Germany with the German "Kneipe" and "Schmaus," yet our "smoker" did not suit me. I had looked forward to a jolly evening of little tables at which we would sit, drinking our beer and smoking our pipes and cigars, with occasional merry speeches, fraternity songs, general chit-chat and plenty of nonsense. To be sure, there was some attempt at uproarious singing, but it was not very musical.

All in all, I am of the opinion that the "smoker" is susceptible of improvement. It seems to me that the fraternity is in need of a more extended repertory of good fraternity songs; good, singable songs, but with music of worthy quality. Something was brought up in one of our meetings about our song book, but I do not remember distinctly what was done.

Personally, I very much wish that the matter of our music might receive due attention.

I trust that what I have said about the "smoker" may not appear to you, dear Bro. Ehle, as harsh, or as a bit of pedantry.

You know that you asked for my "impressions." I really was not altogether out of sympathy with the occasion, and at any rate, what the other fellows want is what I really want them to have.

But, if I should attempt to write you of my impressions of the pervading spirit of the fraternity, the spirit of genuine, hearty, manly sympathy and love, I fear that I should not write with desirable conservatism. At my age it is precisely this, both in the fraternity at large and in our our own Beta Zeta Chapter, which most appeals to me; and what I experienced of that spirit at the Congress will last, in its effect, as long as I live.

Yours fraternally, N. F. MERRILL.

MY DEAR BRO. EHLE:

It seemed to me most appropriate that our fraternity, which may be said, perhaps, to be just now entering upon its real historic fruitage, should have met for this Congress in our country's most historic city. We are young as an organization. Only a single generation has witnessed our development. The most of what Alpha Tau will accomplish must be realized in the time just ahead of us. No organization grows into a position of absolute historic authority in the space of thirty years. Until now Alpha Tau has had few traditions. There has not been the stimulus of a far-reaching history to give zest and indomitable enthusiasm to the support of every effort for the fraternity. We may justly feel now that we are entering on that time when we may look for and expect to receive great strength from those who have gone before us. Our chapters will very shortly begin to be strengthened by the addition of men who have learned from their fathers what it means to love Alpha Tau, who have been looking forward with a fervent loyalty that is inborn, to the day when they may be deemed worthy to become wearers of our Maltese Cross. The circumstances and personalities which have entered into the making of the period just closed, will be regarded as the influences which gave rise to the development of the next thirty years, by those who will stand together at the threshold of a third generation of A. T. O. I believe the delegates in Boston felt that we were indeed passing from one era into another in our history. No single idea came upon me more forcibly than that one. And I conceived it to be most fortunate, indeed, that we were met in the midst of scenes that had undergone the transitions of many eras, and where the very atmosphere breathed of historic movement. It gave us all a sense of the responsibility that rests upon us now. And it made us feel who

great is the privilege of building for those who will come after.

It made one's heart beat a little faster and more joyously (and you know Bro Ehle there is a great deal of the "joyful" in the normal beating of my heart), just to sit in the large parlor of the Brunswick and look face to face upon 250 Alpha Taus. It is not often one is permitted such a sight. And I know what it did for everyone there. The active men went home with a better conception of what it means to be an Alpha Tau. The alumni went home determined that they would neither forget themselves what they owe to their fraternity, nor would they permit any neighboring alumni so to retrograde. The Congress convinced me more than ever that *activity* is the evidence and the prime essential of *life*. And I believe this applies to the individual member of our fraternity not alone, but to the chapter, the alumni, and, above all, to the general society. The fraternity must *live*, and *live hard*, if it is going to show itself worthy of the deeds, the plan, the sacrifices and the lives of those farseeing men who have brought it up to the early maturity in which it has been given us to-day.

Yours very fraternally,

PAUL R. HICKOK.

CHARLES T. COTTRELL.

BRO. Charles T. Cottrell, one of the new members of our High Council, was born in Jamestown, R. I., July 22, 1869. He attended the Rogers High school at Newport for two years, and the "Friend's School" at Providence for two years, graduating from the latter institution in 1887. In the Fall of 1887 he entered Haverford College as a sophomore, and took his degree of A. B. in 1890. The following year was spent in graduate work at Haverford, and as assistant librarian of the college. He received the degree of A. M., and in the summer of 1891 commenced the study of law in the office of Hon. Francis B. Peckham in Newport. In the fall of 1892, having passed the first year's examination at the Harvard Law School, he entered as a second year man, graduating from that institution in June, 1894, and thereupon began the practice of law in Boston. He was associated for two years with Judge Elihu G. Loomis of Boston. In the summer of 1896 he was retained as counsel for the firm of Frank G. Nesbitt & Co., doing



CHARLES T. COTTRELL, MEMBER HIGH COUNCIL.

a general law collection and forwarding business, and has been associated with them as general counsel ever since. He has conducted a vast number of cases during his connection with the above firm and is one of the best known of the younger members of the Boston bar.

In the Spring of 1892 he was elected a member of the town council of his native town, while studying law at Newport, and held that office for three years while at the Harvard Law School. He was also elected at the same time coroner of the town and held that office for three years. He was appointed by the justice of the District Court of his judicial district a "Justice of the Peace to take bail and issue warrants."

In 1894 he was elected a member of the Rhode Island Legislature and during his first year served on the Committee on Elections and on the Committee on Special Legislation. He was re-elected the following year and during that year served as chairman of the Committee on Elections and as a member of the Committee on Corporations. The elections were unanimous, there being no Democratic candidate placed in nomination against him.

In politics he is and always has been a staunch Republican. He is a member of the Rhode Island, Massachusetts and United States Court bars, a member of the Harvard Club of Rhode Island, the Harvard Law Association, the Boston Bar Association, Middlesex Club, and various other political and social organizations.

In October, 1896, he was married to Miss Carolyn R. Frink, of Roxbury, Mass., where he now resides.

He became a member of the fraternity at Haverford and has always retained his interest in it. He is one of the best known of the New England alumni, and has contributed materially to the fraternity's well being and support, especially in relation to the Congress held last December in Boston. He was the unanimous choice of the Boston Alumni Association for the position to which he was elected.

ZAC TOLLIVER.

ALPHA Tau Omega is in deepest mourning for one of the noblest brothers that ever wore her Maltese cross. Bro. Zac Tolliver is dead! The words fail to convey the full significance of the sad fact. Only those brothers who had the pleasure of meeting and greeting him at Nashville, Washington, Cleveland, New Orleans and Boston can realize what this means to Alpha Tau Omega.

He was one of nature's noblemen, modest and unassuming, true as steel and faithful unto death. No truer gentleman has ever had his name inscribed upon the rolls of Alpha Tau Omega.

About Bro. Tolliver's services for Alpha Tau Omega volumes might be written and not do him justice. About Zac Tolliver little can be written, because he would say little. His modest nature shrank from publicity. Often and often has the editor of the PALM importuned him for information about himself for a biographical sketch. The answer invariably was that there was nothing to be said, and this must be our excuse for saying little of his history. It was, indeed, with great difficulty that a photograph of our lamented brother was obtained for the PALM. Not until the matter was presented to him as a duty to the fraternity did he comply with the request, for duty was a sacred word to Zac Tolliver, and he ever bore it in mind.

Some meagre facts of his history are to be gathered from the following clipping from the *Examiner* of Gallatin, Tenn., of Saturday, March 2, 1901:

"After a brave but futile struggle for life, Zac Tolliver passed away at his residence on Main street last Sunday night at 10 o'clock, after an illness of two weeks with pneumonia.

"The deceased was a native of Wilson county and was about fifty years of age. He was a son of Newnan Tolliver. He was twice married, and of his first marriage there survives one son, about eighteen years old. There are three children by his second marriage.

"Mr. Tolliver had lived in Gallatin about two years, being a member of the firm of Tolliver & Haynie. He was an accom-



ZAC TOLLIVER.

plished, educated gentleman, and a man of the highest integrity, and was regarded as one of the most reliable and thorough business men of the community. He was affable and pleasing in his manner and was universally liked and respected. Mr. Tolliver was a man of classical education, and was Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity of the United States, having been re-elected to that high position at the annual meeting in Boston last December.

"The remains of the deceased were carried by train to Lebanon Tuesday for interment."

It had been known to the officers of the fraternity that he was seriously ill after his return from Boston to his Tennessee home, but Mrs. Tolliver had sent encouraging reports, and had herself done everything possible to keep the affairs of his office in shape; but her hope has ended in disappointment. As soon as the sad news reached the Worthy Grand Chief, he called it to the attention of the High Council, and a meeting was promptly arranged to be held in Philadelphia, March 13, 1901, and the following minute was adopted:

WHEREAS, in the providence of God, Brother Zachary Tolliver, the W. G. K. E. of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, has been called to his final account, the High Council of the Fraternity, now assembled, wishes to put on record its appreciation of the worth and efficiency of this lamented officer. No brother in the fraternity more fully possessed its confidence and the esteem and affection of his brothers. He added to a singular sweetness of disposition, a strength of purpose and manliness of character that made him quickly the winner of all hearts and the receiver of the full trust of the Fraternity. For eight years he filled the responsible position of treasurer with entire satisfaction, and the Fraternity experienced great comfort in knowing that its funds were in the keeping of so unimpeachable an officer. He has left us a splendid model and a noble inspiration in both his official and personal relations. His memory should ever stimulate us to high endeavor and worthy exemplification of the sublime principles of Alpha Tau Omega; therefore be it

Resolved, That copies of this preamble be sent to his bereaved wife and children, and to the editor of the PALM for publication.

It is a matter of general congratulation that before his death Bro. Tolliver was given evidence of the appreciation of his efforts

by the fraternity, in the shape of a beautiful badge, presented to him at the banquet by Founder Glazebrook. His sincere words of thanks were felt by every brother to come straight from the heart.

Bro. Tolliver deplored friction in fraternity affairs. At each Congress he has so expressed himself to the editor, and he was always hopeful for the best, and worked quietly but strongly against any movement which seemed to involve any possibility of trouble, and in every case his hope was justified and his efforts were successful.

He was a member of old Tennessee Lambda chapter, having been initiated in 1872, and he always had a deep love for his fraternity; but it was not until 1892 that he became prominent in her councils. From that date order was the watchword in the office of our W. G. K. E., and his reports to Congress were always models of their kind.

For a time he was stationed at Nashville in the office of the United States marshall, and there he became closely associated with the brothers of Tennessee Beta Pi, who have passed the following resolutions on his death:

WHEREAS, God in His infinite providence and inscrutable wisdom has visited with death our sincerely loved and deeply revered brother, Hon. Zac Tolliver, on February 24, 1901, at his home in Gallatin, Tenn.; and

WHEREAS, Brother Tolliver was for many years a highly honored officer in the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, as Worthy Grand Keeper of the Exchequer, and a brother dear to the hearts of all true members of this fraternity; and

WHEREAS, in the faithful discharge of his duties officially, and in kind acts of friendship personally, Bro. Tolliver won the affection of every member of Tennessee Beta Pi Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega; therefore be it

Resolved, by Tennessee Beta Pi in regular meeting assembled that the sudden death of our brother, long cherished in the sacred bonds of friendship, brings sorrow and deepest regret to our hearts; and be it

Resolved, That Tennessee Beta Pi joins with its sister chapters in Alpha Tau Omega in testimony of its appreciation of the loss the fraternity has suffered in the death of our well-beloved Worthy

Grand Keeper of the Exchequer, who labored so long and fruitfully in its cause; and be it

Resolved, that we, the members of this chapter, individually and as a body, extend to the wife and family of our late beloved brother our largest and tenderest sympathy and assure them that our hearts bleed with them in this hour of their sadness; and be it further

Resolved, that these resolutions be sent to the family of our lamented deceased and to the PALM, and that they be spread upon the minutes of this chapter.

Vanderbilt University,
Nashville, Tenn., March 5, 1901.

JOHN PASCHALL,
CASIMIR ZDANOWICZ,
R. W. BILLINGTON,
Committee.

The Worthy Grand Chief has issued the following circular letter:

TO THE BROTHERS OF THE ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY,
My Dear Brothers:

It is with profound sorrow that I am called on to announce the death of our beloved brother, Zachary Tolliver, at his home in Gallatin, Tenn., on Sunday night, February 24, 1901, as a result of an attack of pneumonia, with which he had been suffering for several weeks.

Bro. Tolliver became a member of the Tennessee Lambda Chapter in 1872; was instrumental in the reorganization of that chapter in 1889; he was President of the Tennessee Alumni Association, and for about ten years past has been the model Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

The repeated votes of commendation by the Congresses of the Fraternity indicate his devotion to duty and accurate business-like manner in the management of the financial affairs of the Fraternity, as intrusted to him in the important grand office to which he has been repeatedly, unanimously re-elected from time to time; but it was at the Boston Congress that the appreciation of and regard for him crystallized into a personal ovation on the occasion of the presentation to him, on behalf of the delegates of the Seventeenth Congress, of a jeweled badge as a slight token of the love and esteem which burned in every heart. In the death of Bro. Tolliver, Alpha Tau Omega has suffered a great loss which can be compensated for alone by the emulation on the part of the brethren of those noble and distinguishing traits of character which drew all men unto him.

It is deemed and proper and, therefore, is hereby ordered that on the pins of the Brethren and in the Chapter halls of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, for the period of thirty days, be displayed the proper insignia of the sorrow which pervades the entire Fraternity.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE H. LAMAR,

Worthy Grand Chief.

Many expressions of the deepest love for Bro. Tolliver have reached the editor of the PALM. From his intimate association with him Bro. Shives is perhaps one of the best fitted to speak of our dead brother. He writes under date of March 1st:

"To say that I was shocked upon hearing of the death of dear old Zac Tolliver cannot express my feelings. I well remember when I was the fortunate and happy one to discover our dear brother at the Nashville Congress in 1892, and it was there that I asked the nominating committee (the only request ever made to such a committee), to recommend Bro. Tolliver for the position of Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer. From that time until his death he has filled this responsible position. It will be extremely difficult to find a successor who will be the equal of Bro. Tolliver in filling this most responsible position. I never knew a brother to have the wellfare of the fraternity more at heart than did Bro. Tolliver. My relations with him were always the most cordial, and in the matter of fraternity policy we were always a unit.

"Our dear Zac is gone; we shall miss him at our national gatherings, but his influence will continue to bless and ennoble the lives of the thousands who knew him and loved him. I feel that the cause for the greatest debt of gratitude I owe to my fraternity is that it has been the medium through which I have met so many of God's noblemen.

"Brothers, let us emulate the character of our deceased brother, so that what we are able to say of him may be said of us, when we become weary of life's burdens and lie down to rest."

Bro. James B. Green, Worthy High Chancellor, writes: "The news of Zac Tolliver's death came to me as a heavy blow. Personally, I have lost one of my best friends and the fraternity, one of its best officers. He has been sitting by me at the banquets for many years, looking out for my wants, and keeping me posted on what is going on."

OUR NEW W. G. K. E.

THE High Council has shown much wisdom in the selection of Bro. Ellsworth as the successor of our lamented Bro. Toliver, and we are pleased to present this brief sketch of the new officer.

Goodwin Davis Ellsworth was born in South Hampton county, Virginia, on December 12, 1856, his father being William N. Ellsworth, a direct descendant of Oliver Ellsworth, of Connecticut, who was United States Senator, and afterwards Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. His mother was Martha J. Bryant, of the Fitzhugh family of Virginia.

As a child he removed with his father to Wilmington, N. C., where he was reared. He attended college and took the degree of A. M. at Trinity College, North Carolina, in the class of 1880. He received the degree of LL.B. and later LL.M. from the Georgetown University Law School, of Washington, D. C. He was a teacher, principal of the Ellsworth high school, of Henderson, N. C., until in 1886 he accepted a position under civil service in the United States treasury department. He was promoted from time to time to the position he now occupies as assistant chief in the division of accounts in the office of the supervising architect in the United States treasury department, which office has charge of the construction and maintenance of all United States public buildings, for which appropriations are made by Congress.

He was initiated as a member of the North Carolina Chapter in 1876 and has always been active in fraternity work. Since his residence in Washington he has been constant in his attendance upon the meetings of the District of Columbia Alumni Association, being now its Worthy Master. He was elected delegate from this association to the Cleveland, New Orleans and Boston Congresses, being unable, however, to attend the last mentioned on account of his official duties.

From his training, his systematic attention to matters of

business and his devotion to the fraternity, Bro. Ellsworth is pre-eminently qualified for the important duties he is called upon to assume by the election of the High Council with the advice and consent of the Worthy Grand Chief.

Bro. Ellsworth early conceived the highest and most devoted sentiments of regard and admiration for Bro. Tolliver, whom he loved, and it is believed that in more than one particular he will emulate the example of our model Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer, who has been called to the other world.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA PI.

OWING to the efforts of Bro. E. J. Shives, the chapter of our fraternity which once existed at Washington and Jefferson College as Pennsylvania Alpha Pi has been revived, and because of his intimate connection with the work, we think it best to present his letter to THE PALM, as our account of this important and interesting event, which followed so closely upon the re-establishment of another "Pi" chapter, in fact the original "Pi" chapter in Tennessee:

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 28, 1901.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PALM: My dear Bro. Ehle:

I am sure you would be glad to know something in regard to the re-establishment of Pennsylvania Alpha Pi chapter at Washington and Jefferson college, Washington, Pa.

Last December, at the business meeting of the Pittsburg Alumni Association the feasibility of reviving our chapter at the above institution was thoroughly discussed; and again at our alumni banquet held at Hotel Schenley the middle of January the same subject came up for discussion. At this latter meeting I was appointed a committee of one to make a trip to Washington and Jefferson college, which is about forty miles from Pittsburg and look over the ground.

I received the appointment on this committee, not because I have more spare time than the other Alpha Taus in Pittsburg, for with the supervision of forty-three schools besides my high school, you can readily understand that my time is pretty fully occupied, but being enthusiastic about the matter, and being will-



GROUP OF PENNA ALPHA PI CHAPTER.

ing as usual to strengthen the borders of Alpha Tau Omega, I consented to undertake the work of resurrection.

In the mean time, before I had an opportunity of running over to Washington, I received a note from one of my friends in the freshman class at Washington and Jefferson, containing the following expressive sentence: "I am coming home Saturday, Feb. 2, and will be at your office to see you on *important business*." Of course, I was anxious to know what the "important business" was about.

On Saturday he appeared with two juniors of the above institution and informed me that the three were members of a local organization that desired to investigate the merits of some of the national college fraternities. I can assure you that it did not take me very long to interest them in Alpha Tau Omega. Our conference closed with the understanding that I should visit the college on the following Wednesday evening and become acquainted with the personnel of the local organization.

The visit was made as per agreement and I became acquainted with ten most excellent fellows—six juniors, one sophomore, and three freshmen. Two other trips were made to Washington, and in the meantime another freshman and a sophomore were added to the organization.

The merits of the project were made known to Worthy Grand Chief Lamar and to the chairman of the High Council, Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook. After due deliberation, the permit to re-establish was granted and the initiation took place at Hotel Schenley here in Pittsburg. The following appeared in one of our Pittsburg dailies the day after the initiation.

"Twelve students of Washington and Jefferson College were inducted into the mysteries of the Alpha Tau Omega Greek letter Fraternity at the Hotel Schenley last evening. The initiation and establishment of this chapter was under the direction of the Pittsburg Alumni Association, and the ceremonies were followed by a dinner and reception. About forty Alpha Taus were present.

"The movement to establish a chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity was begun about two months ago, at a meeting of the alumni who were members of the fraternity, now living in this city, and who represented about a dozen of the leading educational institutions in the country. The matter was further considered at the biennial congress that met in Boston during the holidays. Superintendent E. J. Shives of the Wilkesburg schools and President of the Alumni Association, took an active

interest in the proposed new chapter. The initiation last night was the result.

"The students include six juniors, two sophomores and four freshmen as follows: Benton R. Hough, Seward Davison, Velear L. Minehart, Elder W. Marshall, S. H. Bradshaw, R. R. Hays Howard McDonough, W. B. Stevenson, H. S. Kuder, Mack Montgomery, Ernest Brooks, F. E. McKeever and A. B. Loucks. The initiation began at 4 o'clock and continued until 6 o'clock, and was under the direction of Professor Shives, Word Leigh, of Atlanta, Ga., John Mickle, of Cornell, Rev. J. Grant Walter, of this city, and other Alpha Taus. During the reception that followed the dinner Miss Pearl Clapper, soloist of the Mozart Club, and others rendered musical selections.

"The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity about twenty years ago attempted to establish a chapter at Washington and Jefferson College, but it soon disbanded. The outlook for the present chapter is considered excellent. There are now seven Greek letter fraternities in that college and this will make the eighth. Alpha Tau Omega is one of the representative college fraternities in the country, having forty-three active chapters in as many educational institutions, with the membership running into the thousands. There are about seventy-five alumni members in Pittsburg and vicinity. Hon. George H. Lamar, of Washington, D. C., is the Worthy Grand Chief, and Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook of Elizabeth, N. J., is Chairmun of the High Council. The next Biennial Congress will be held at Chicago in 1902."

Fraternally,

E. J. SHIVES,

President of the Pittsburg Alumni Association.

OHIO GAMMA KAPPA AT WESTERN RESERVE.

THE seeds sown at the Fifteenth Biennial Congress at Cleveland, O., in 1896, have born fruit. Ohio Gamma Kappa at Western Reserve College is now one of our sisterhood of chapters. Ohio is said to have more colleges than all Europe, and that state now has six chapters of Alpha Tau Omega, a number equalled by only one other state, Tennessee. It is noteworthy that both these states, which have, by far, the largest number of chapters of our fraternity, are located in Province IV.

The establishment of this chapter, like the revival of Penn. Alpha Pi, has been due very largely, in fact, almost entirely to the efforts of Bro. Shives, who has been ably seconded by Bros. Emmet F. Eldredge and Paul R. Hickok, who worked so persistently and effectively for the success of the Cleveland Congress.

The following letter from Bro. Shives gives an account of the establishment of the new chapter:

Pittsburg, Pa., March 20, 1901.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PALM, My Dear Bro. Ehle:

Ohio Gamma Kappa is the name of the latest addition to the Alpha Tau Omega fold.

I received the permit to establish this chapter from Worthy Grand Chief Lamar on the 4th of March and went to Cleveland on the 8th. On the afternoon of the 9th ten gentlemen of Western Reserve University were permitted to taste of the sweets of an Alpha Tau Omega initiation at the Hollenden Hotel, at which same hotel the National Congress of 1896 was held. The ceremonies began at half-past two in the afternoon and were concluded at seven in the evening. Twenty-three of the Cleveland alumni were present at the initiation.

The full ritual, with complete paraphernalia and an entire set of officers, made the initiation most impressive.

Bros. Eldredge and Seebirt, of Ohio Alpha Nu; Bros. Carpenter and Foote, of Ohio Beta Eta; Bros. Hickok, Hay and Robinson, of Ohio Beta Mu, and Bro. Shives, of Ohio Alpha Psi, conducted the initiation. Delegations of Alpha Taus came from Alliance and Wooster.

The banquet was served in a private dining-room of the hotel where thirty-seven covers were laid. Responses to toasts were given by Bros. Eldredge, Hickok, Carpenter, Schwable, Cully, Allott, Shives and also by Bros. Beman and Shimmon, two of the new brothers of Ohio Gamma Kappa.

The installation of this new chapter was one of the most successful and delightful that I have ever attended; and this is saying much, for I well remember the delight attending the establishment of our chapters at Wittenberg, Wooster, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio State University, Hillsdale, Albion, Ann Arbor, Nebraska State University and Washington and Jefferson College.

For the past decade I have regarded Ohio the banner state in Alpha Taudom, and to-day she floats her banner higher than ever before. If any Alpha Tau in the world has the audacity to con-

tradict this statement, let him now speak. During the past year I have visited every Ohio chapter and, I know just what I am saying. Place Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois in one province and we will show you a province that will not only entertain the next National Congress, but that will deserve the emulation of every other province in the Alpha Tau Omega world.

I sincerely trust that the matter of extension (Will you please remember that when I use the term extension I mean "conservative" extension. I am unwilling to concede a monopoly on this term to anyone, and I have no knowledge of any brother who has advocated any other kind but "conservative" extension. The unfortunate fact stands that the ones who harp so on "conservative" extension are the ones who have never done and are not now doing anything along the line of any kind of extension)—let me repeat that I sincerely trust that the matter of extension will be taken up by every true and loyal Alpha Tau. If we are to be simply a mutual admiration society, then let us close our doors and sit down and smile at each other; but if on the other hand we are and have what we profess, let us share our blessings with other worthy young men.

Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Iowa and Colorado have first class institutions where we should be blessing and inspiring young men through the instrumentality of our noble and ennobling principles.

When I die, I trust that some generous brother will erect a monument to my memory and place upon it the simple inscription, "He believed in extension."

Most fraternally,

E. J. SHIVES.

Pres. Pittsburg Alumni Association.

It will be remembered that a petition for the establishment of this chapter was presented to the Boston Congress, and was reported on favorably by a special committee, and had the strong indorsement of the Cleveland Alumni Association and a large number of individual brothers.

Western Reserve already had chapters of Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Upsilon, Beta Theta Pi and Delta Tau Delta, and all of these have given the new chapter a warm welcome.

Bro. Lamar T. Beman is the first W. M. of Ohio Gamma Kappa and the W. S. is Bro. Claude W. Shimmon, whose address



BIRDS-EYE VIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.



Y. M. C. A. BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

is No. 6 Wageman Street, Cleveland, O. There are eleven charter members, and some other men are under consideration. The names of the new brothers are as follows: C. W. Shimmon, 1901; H. J. Coates, 1901; L. T. Beman, 1901; J. A. Alburn, 1902; E. W. Suits, 1902; E. H. Sensel, 1902; B. W. Huling, 1903; E. J. Reece, 1903; C. L. Cummer, 1904; R. S. Smith, 1904; J. F. Williams, 1904.

Ohio Gamma Kappa grew out of the local club of Psi Omega at Western Reserve. The university has over 900 students, of whom 700 are male students. Its history dates from 1826, and it has a permanent endowment of over two million dollars, and its buildings and grounds are valued at over a million dollars, and it ranks high in every respect in the educational world.

The charter members of Gamma Kappa are popular and able men. Among their number are the vice-president of the senior class, the vice-president of the local debating association, the treasurer of the Adelbert Press Club, the president of the Adelbert Literary Society, the manager of the Senior football team, the captain of the Freshman football and other men who are prominent in the various fields of student activity and college work.

The PALM takes pleasure in welcoming these new brothers into our circle, and trusts that Gamma Kappa, in the words of the renowned Rip Van Winkle, "May live long and prosper."

TENNESSEE PI AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

WHEN the November PALM was issued negotiations were already being carried on for the re-establishment of Tennessee Pi Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at the University of Tennessee, located at Knoxville in that State. In the midst of the sessions of Congress a telegram was received to the effect that these arrangements had been carried to a successful conclusion. The announcement was greeted with applause. The chap-

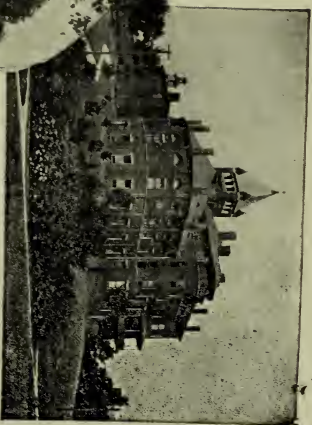
ter was not, however, formally established until the night of January 31, 1901, when four aliens were initiated in the library of Bro. W. W. Carson, Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Tennessee. Bro. Carson is one of the loyal members of old Virginia Beta, and it was due to his persistent efforts and wise discrimination in the choice of men that Tennessee Pi has been re-established on a firm foundation.

The brothers who were initiated and given the responsibility of developing the revived chapter are Lapsley Hope, 1903; Clarence Denton, 1903; O. L. Lockwood, Jr., 1904; and George Floyd Ross. The chapter immediately organized with Bro. Hope as W. M. and under his direction work has been enthusiastically carried on.

The next alien to assume the obligations of our fraternity at Knoxville was Frank M. Brockman. These five brothers are determined to make Tennessee Pi one of the leading chapters in the fraternity, and, at the same time, they are thoroughly impressed with the necessity of taking each step with care and deliberation, a spirit which is sure to result in successful achievement and promotion of the best interests of Alpha Tau Omega.

The brothers who have taken up this work all stand well in the University, with faculty as well as students. Bro. Hope is the son of Judge M. M. Hope, of Tennessee Lambda, of Chattanooga, Tenn., another Alpha Tau who is proud to see his son assume the obligations which he took many years ago, and who is still a loyal wearer of the Maltese cross and deeply interested in the revived chapter. Bro. Denton, another brother, won the Freshman scholarship, and is president of the Sophomore class.

Tennessee Pi has been well received by the chapters of other Greek fraternities represented at Knoxville, and has their best wishes for a prosperous career. Of course, the chapter was established somewhat late in the college year, and not much is to be expected this year, but the efforts already made have produced most satisfactory results, and next year Tennessee Pi will be prepared to enter upon her work on a footing of equality with her rivals.



TWO VIEWS OF SCIENCE HALL AND A DRIVEWAY, AT UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

The manner in which the new chapter has been received at Knoxville can be best judged from the following clipping from the Knoxville *Sentinel* of February 5, 1901:

“Pi chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity has been chartered and formally instituted at the University of Tennessee. The new chapter begins its career under most auspicious circumstances, having as its charter members four young men who are recognized among the leaders in the university. They are Lapsley Hope, George F. Ross, Ollie L. Lockwood and Clarence Denton. Mr. Hope is a son of Judge M. M. Hope of Chattanooga, who during his college days was an A. T. O., and who still takes an active interest in the fraternity’s welfare. The installation ceremony was accompanied by no banquet, but it is probable that an affair creditable to the fraternity these gentlemen represent will be given before the session is at an end. The Maltese cross will now be quite conspicuous on the University hill, and it goes without saying that its wearers will always be among the honor men, as is always the case with the Alpha Tau Omegas.

“The new chapter was formally installed by Prof. W. W. Carson of the University faculty, who was initiated into the fraternity when at Washington and Lee as a student. Prof. Carson is still an ardent fraternity man, and has given the new fraters no little encouragement, and with his co-operation and that of a number of fraters in the city, the chapter is sure to grow.

“A number of years ago a chapter existed at the University of Tennessee, but for some reason the charter was surrendered. The fraternity, however, has maintained strong chapters at all other leading educational institutions. Its conservative policy has made it possible for it to maintain its stand in the front rank of college fraternities, which position it took at the very beginning. It was organized at Washington and Lee University in the sixties, by Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, who was then a student at that institution, and who has since become a prominent Episcopal clergyman in Elizabeth, N. J. His son has remained the chief executive of the fraternity for years.

“Alpha Tau Omega is welcomed at the university by other Greeks, on account of its very high standing as a fraternity, and also on account of the exceptionally bright young men who constitute its local membership.”

The University of Tennessee, which is the fostering mother of revived Tenn. Pi, is among the oldest educational institutions of the United States, not reaching back into the dim obscurity of

the past, when John Harvard was laying the foundations of the great university which now bears his name at Cambridge, but finding its beginnings more than a century ago, when Blount College was established at Knoxville, Tenn. As has almost invariably been the case with the oldest colleges, the first establishment was unpretentious. There were no millionaires in those early days to build up a great university in a few short years, as has been recently done by Rockefeller, Stanford and others. The present university finds its beginning in a two-story frame building, which was the scene of a bitter struggle for existence, which, no doubt, often seemed hopeless. After a little more than thirty years of fitful life, the franchises and charter of Blount College were, in 1896, transferred to East Tennessee College, which was established at the present beautiful site on Barbara Hill. The visitor to the present campus cannot fail to admire the foresight of the educators who selected so wisely. The purchase price was only \$600, and it has proved a valuable purchase, and the hand of man has made it one of the most beautiful college homes in America. The contrast between the past and the present is indeed striking, for when the site was chosen, the hill was so bare and steep and disfigured by the action of rain, that the natives ridiculed those who had determined to locate a college at such a place. But, under the watchful care of wise and far-seeing men, who were not to be turned aside by popular criticism, the work progressed, and soon the critics were convinced that they were themselves lacking in judgment. Considerable progress had been made when, in 1879, the name of the institution became what it is to-day. Much remained to be done when Dr. Charles W. Dabney became president of the rechristened university. The grounds were beautified in every possible way by the planting of trees, the laying out of attractive driveways and lawns and the building of college buildings of attractive architecture.

Knoxville is attractively located among the mountains of East Tennessee and is a charming city in every way. The college is its pride and is located in its western part on one of its



MILITARY ENCAMPMENT OF CADETS AT UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE



G. D. ELLSWORTH, W. G. K. E.

highest hills, which commands a splendid view of the Tennessee River. There are fourteen buildings in all. One of them, Barbara Blount Hall, is an old building which was used as a barracks, when the college was under military discipline, and is now used as a dormitory for the women students. Estabrook Hall is a recent addition and is used by the mechanical engineering department. Another attractive feature of the campus is the Y. M. C. A. building, built on a hillside. The greenhouse, horticultural building, president's house, Reese Hall, a dormitory for young men, the four original college buildings, known as Old, South, East and West colleges, Science Hall, Humes Hall, another dormitory for men, the chapter house of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and several professor's homes, comprise the list of buildings on the campus, and are so tastefully located and have such charming surroundings, that a June visitor is apt to burst out in raptures over the charming scene.

The University of Tennessee maintains a high rank among the educational institutions of the country, and, while the placing of the chapter of the fraternity at Knoxville in the early days, when it was known as East Tennessee University, may be questioned, there seems to be general approval of its re-establishment in the midst of prosperity and under the most favorable auspices. It is true that the continuity has been broken by many years and there are no old chapter traditions to guide the brothers who are now carrying on the work of Tennessee Pi, but they have the active encouragement of all the alumni and chapters in their vicinity and the cordial support and best wishes of Alpha Taus everywhere. They cannot fail to succeed.

MELLEN S. HARLOW.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from us our beloved brother, Mellen S. Harlow, who was honored and respected by our fraternity of Alpha Tau Omega throughout New England; therefore be it

Resolved, That we do hereby publicly express our profound

grief at the loss of him, our late president of the Boston Alumni Association, and that we hereby express our deep and sincere sympathy for the family bereft of a husband and father.

Resolved, further, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the PALM for publication; another copy with a copy of the PALM be sent to the family of the deceased.

CHARLES T. COTTRELL,

FRANK G. WREN,

GEO. MAGUIRE,

Boston Alumni Association of Alpha Tau Omega.

FROM THE WORTHY GRAND CHIEF.

EDITOR PALM:

Since your last issue, it became the pleasant duty of the Executive department of the Fraternity to chronicle the addition of three active chapters to our roll; two re-organized, namely, Tennessee Pi at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., and Pennsylvania Alpha Pi at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa. The new chapter is Ohio Gamma Kappa, at the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O.

Charter for the reorganization of Tennessee Pi was issued by my predecessor. The fact that William W. Carson, of Virginia Beta, now a professor at the University, has chosen the men and installed this chapter must be reassuring to all who know him. It is believed that Bros. Glazebrook and Carson have exercised every proper precaution, and it is understood that local conditions are deemed most favorable for the resuscitation of the fraternity there with a strong chapter of noble and true Alpha Taus.

The Pennsylvania Alpha Pi Chapter was originally established by Bro. N. Wylie Thomas at a time when fraternities were not so favorably received at Washington and Jefferson College as now. Bro. E. J. Shives first perceived an opportunity to reorganize the chapter there, and, with characteristic energy, took the matter up with vigor with the result mentioned, and he reports that the chapter has started out under the most favorable auspices. The permit was issued to and this chapter was reorganized by Bro. Shives.



A DRIVEWAY ON THE CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

THE TERRACE
COLUMBIA

The establishment of Ohio Gamma Kappa would seem to be the consummation of many years of seed sowing and several months of most active and conscientious effort, in which Bros. Shives and E. F. Eldredge, Paul R. Hickok, other members of the Cleveland Alumni Association and Bro. William H. Rider, Jr., of Ohio Alpha Nu, now a student at the University, took part. To the sons of Ohio Alpha Nu is due the praise for constantly advocating, as occasion permitted, the establishment of a chapter at this University. For some weeks prior to the Boston Congress, Bro. Shives was in active co-operation with choice students, and their plans consummated in the application presented through the Cleveland Alumni Association and strongly supported by Bro. Shives at the Boston Congress. From that time until the announcement of the favorable decision of the chapters, without a dissenting vote, the communications from Alpha Taus of Ohio made plain the sentiment and clear the support with which the movement was sustained. So enthusiastic were the Cleveland Alumni and so prominent were those Alpha Taus there who took interest in the matter, that there could be no question about the success of the movement, from the very start. And thus Ohio Gamma Kappa has received a hearty welcome into the sisterhood of chapters. To these new brethern in all three of the chapters, including those who withstood the appeals from other fraternities during what, doubtless, seemed to be long and tedious delays incident to the requirements of a careful and conservative fraternity organization, it is pleasing, indeed, in behalf of the General Fraternity, to say that the brotherly love which abounds for them is not transitory in its nature, but is founded on principles as broad as human needs, as deep as human wisdom, and as far-reaching as human destiny.

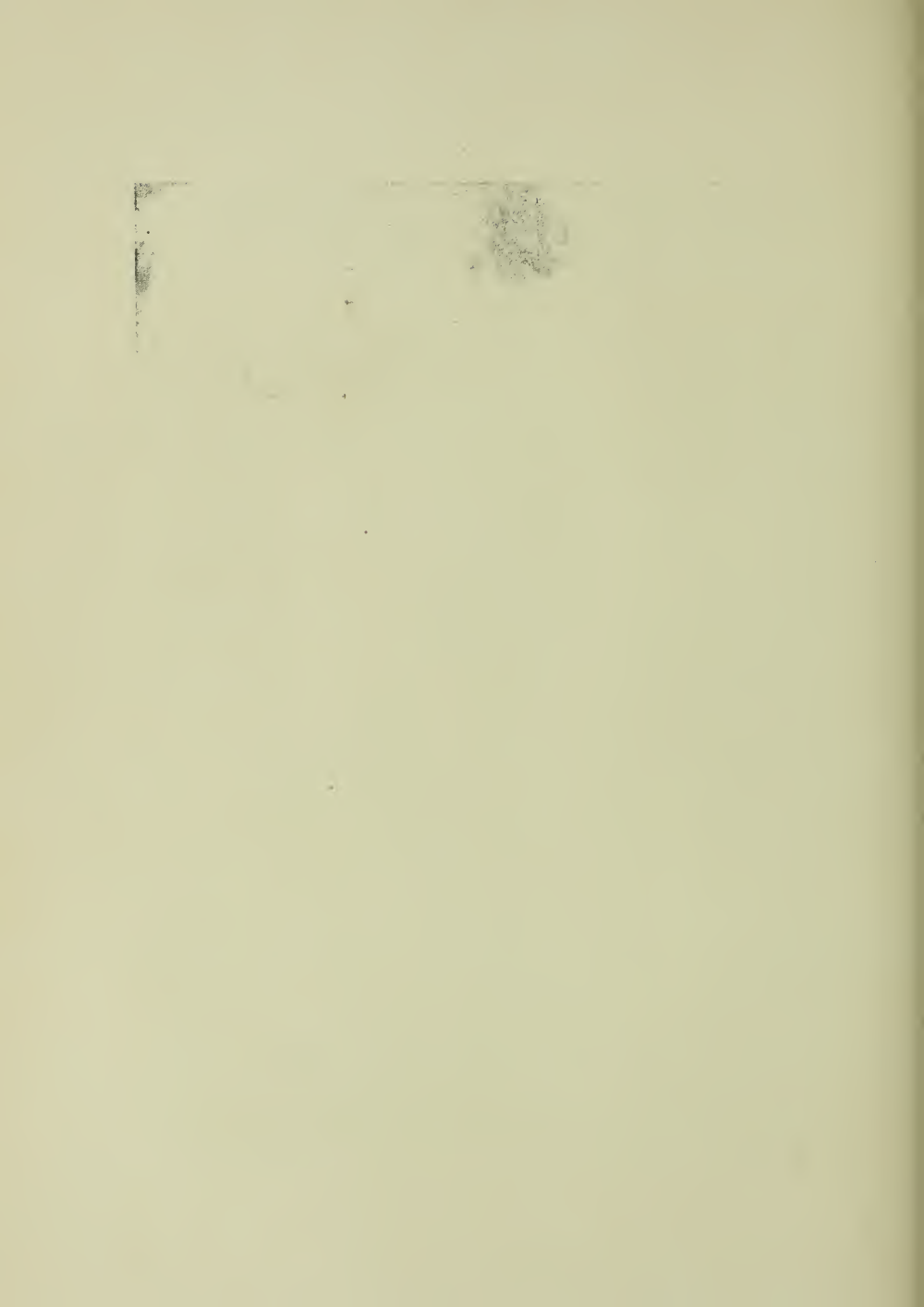
They are now members of a fraternity founded on principle and distinguished by merit—a fraternity not formed to subserve the selfish ends of designing men, or to be swerved from its high and noble purposes in the fulfillment of any unholy ambitions. Glazebrook, Ross and Marshall were broad enough in 1865 to see formed a common tie by which to bind the noble college youths

of all sections on such broad principles as would insure the elimination forever of all the lower considerations of sectional and political differences. This was possible in '65 and must be maintained in its purity to-day. Alpha Tau Omega, as exemplified by her members now, is indeed an honor to the past and an inspiration for the future, and it is the privilege of every Alpha Tau to be proud of his Fraternity.

GEORGE H. LAMAR,
Worthy Grand Chief.



GEO. H LAMAR, WORTHY GRAND CHIEF.



EDITORIAL.

CONGRESS in itself is sufficient to fill a number of the PALM and leave much unsaid, but since Congress much of unusual importance to Alpha Tau Omega has occurred, and it has been necessary to find place for same in this number.

We have the unusual privilege of chronicling the founding of one new chapter and the revival of two old ones, amounting to the same thing. Nothing could be more worthy of space in the fraternity magazine.

We have also the misfortune of being required to chronicle the death of one of our grand officers and a brother beloved by all who know him, and especially by Alpha Taus.

Many other important events have been described in this Congress number, and some matters of importance have necessarily been omitted, and others have received much less attention than they deserved.

We hope, however, that a fairly symmetrical number has been the result of our efforts, and that those who were not at Boston may through these pages gain a fair idea of the splendid Congress at the Hub, and that all of our readers will be kept abreast of Alpha Tau Omega progress.

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Under date of Feb. 21, 1901, Worthy Grand Chief Lamar published his first circular letter to the chapters, accompanied by the printed report of Congress, in which he establishes himself in most friendly relations with the chapters, and urges them to continue the good work carried on under his predecessor. His recommendations in regard to the matter of extension work are especially worthy of the most careful consideration, and should be followed for the benefit of the fraternity.

The report also calls attention to certain constitutional matters and applications for charters. Such communications as this are rendered absolutely necessary from time to time, and they serve to keep the chapters in better touch with the chief execu-

tive and to induce a better performance of fraternity duties. It is a most serious mistake for a chapter to neglect giving proper attention and consideration to these letters, especially when they are written in such an excellent spirit as this one.

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We have been favored with a copy of the new catalogue of Phi Gamma Delta, which can only be characterized as "magnificent." It is perhaps the most complete and expensive fraternity catalogue ever published. We hope to be able to make fuller reference to it in an early number.

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There are several important changes on our list of officers, and yet the new officers hardly need an introduction to our readers.

Bro. Lamar, Worthy Grand Chief, is of an Alpha Tau family, and has always been prominent in fraternity affairs, and has occupied many positions of importance on her staff. It is very natural indeed that, on the retirement of Bro. L. W. Glazebrook, he should be promoted from the office of Worthy Grand Scribe to that of Worthy Grand Chief. He is thoroughly familiar with our fraternity affairs and policy, and has ably taken up the work of his predecessor. A better choice for this important post could not have been made. He has been presented to our readers before, and we do not feel now any necessity for a new introduction.

The vacancy caused by the sad death of Bro. Tolliver has been filled with wisdom and discretion by the High Council in selecting Bro. G. D. Ellsworth, whose presence at several congresses has been exceedingly helpful. He will ably take up the work of Bro. Tolliver, and follow closely the approved methods of that able and faithful officer.

Our new Worthy Grand Chaplain, Bro. Paul R. Hickok, needs no introduction after the November PALM. He too is of an Alpha Tau family, father, mother, sister, brother and wife being devoted to our Maltese Cross. He is perhaps the youngest Worthy Grand Chaplain the fraternity has had in many years, but Alpha Tau Omega is not afraid to trust to youth when it is linked

to such ability, loyalty and devotion as distinguishes our present Worthy Grand Chaplain.

Few congresses have been missed by our new Worthy Grand Scribe, Bro. Dave White. No brother on our rolls is better known or better loved than he. His devotion to everything that concerns Alpha Tau Omega will make him a splendid man for this place. Bro. Hugh Martin, who designed the house of N. C. Alpha Delta, and is now practicing architecture at Birmingham, Ala., after a course at Cornell, and who has also become well known to many Alpha Taus by attendance at Congress and visits to different chapters, is the able and worthy successor of Bro. White as Fraternity Architect.

On the High Council there have been many changes, and yet it can hardly be said that there are more than two *new* men on it. The present chairman, our founder, Bro. Otis A. Glazebrook, has been a member ever since the creation of this body, we believe, and, for a long time, was chairman. Of late years he has not taken an active part in fraternity affairs, and his return to active service is hailed with general approval. Bro. N. Wiley Thomas is old in the harness and has served the fraternity as Worthy Grand Chief and chairman of the High Council in the past, and has rendered yeoman service for the fraternity. He too has re-enlisted in active work, as is true of Bro. Thomas G. Hayes, the famous reform mayor of Baltimore, who has done so much for Alpha Tau Omega in the past in almost every important position, and is still a most willing servant in her cause. No Alpha Tau is perhaps more widely known to-day than Bro. Irving Bacheller, the author of "Eben Holden," who is well known through the PALM as a loyal and faithful Alpha Tau, and is the founder, counsellor and friend of N. Y. Alpha Omicron.

Of Bro. Cottrell, the fifth member of the High Council, it may be said that few Alpha Taus have risked as much for his fraternity. At Haverford, where, as a member of Beta Chi, he became an Alpha Tau, his degree was withheld because of his membership, but he afterwards received it. Needless to say, he has always been loyal to her cause, and his splendid efforts to

make the Boston Congress a success merited the recognition they have received. We are pleased to be able to present elsewhere in this number a sketch and cut of this able and popular brother.

There have been no other changes in the list of Grand Officers, Bro. R. E. L. Saner remaining W. G. K. A. and Bro. James B. Green, Worthy High Chancellor. Bro. Larkin W. Glazebrook at the request of Worthy Grand Chief Lamar, has taken up the catalogue work, in which he is associated with Bro. Geo. W. Mitchell.

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It was expected that No. 2 of Vol. XXI. of the PALM would be published in the month of February, but circumstances have made a delay of a month necessary and it is therefore the March instead of the February number. The change in the personnel of the High Council, and the absolute necessity that its members should familiarize themselves with the state of our fraternity affairs before taking any action, the unfortunate illness of Bro. Otis A. Glazebrook, the chairman of the body, which has, happily, terminated, and the serious illness, followed by the lamented death of Bro. Zac Tolliver, for many years the faithful W. G. K. E. of the fraternity, were all causes which conspired to make this delay unavoidable. Naturally there is more desire that the Congress PALM shall be published even more promptly than the ordinary number, but all must recognize the sufficiency of the above excuses for delay. It is sincerely hoped by the editor that no serious delay will be caused in the publication of future numbers.

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Any one who doubted for a moment the sincerity of the retiring Worthy Grand Chief and the chairman of the High Council when each pledged himself to continued and increased activity for Alpha Tau Omega at the end of his term of office, must be convinced by the splendid work of these brothers this year.

Bro. Glazebrook, in addition to supervising the publication of the excellent report of Congress, has actively taken up the

catalogue work, and has sent out a circular exhorting each brother to co-operate with him by sending him proper data. Bro. Glazebrook has begun with the defunct chapters, and his systematic efforts are sure to produce the most valuable results in this work.

Bro. Shives has been largely instrumental in placing two new names on our chapter rolls; those of Penna. Alpha Pi, revived at Washington and Jefferson College, and Ohio Gamma Kappa, founded at Western Reserve, and also attended the Ohio State Conclave, and has been active in many other ways—helpful to the fraternity.

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Bro. Milo H. Massey, Ga. Alpha Zeta, having found it impossible to devote time to the duties of associate editor of the PALM, because of the heavy demands of his ministerial work, Bro. Russell M. Taft, of Vt. Beta Zeta, who has often contributed very desirable matter for publication, has been appointed by the editor to serve in his place.

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The fraternity owes a heavy debt to the Boston brothers for their splendid entertainment of Congress. With many difficulties to overcome, they may well be proud of their efforts and success. In this work the Boston alumni were most ably assisted by the members of the Harvard Club and Mass. Gamma Beta chapter. The visiting brothers were royally entertained and the arrangements for Congress were made with taste and foresight. Each brother who assisted in this work may consider the fraternity under obligations to him, and the members of the committees are deserving of special thanks. They will be splendidly entertained in turn, if they will only attend the Chicago Congress in 1902.

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The Ohio State Conclave was a splendid success. In number, in attendance and the character of entertainments provided, it seems to have even surpassed some of our Congresses held not so very many years ago, and was in every respect creditable to

the chapters and brothers concerned and to the fraternity. The menu was elaborate and the program was fit for the occasion and the brothers of Alliance were ably supported by the Alpha Tau sisters and the citizens of Alliance in their entertainment of the visiting brothers. The menu card was very tasty and elaborate being in fraternity colors, with the badge stamped on the cover in gold and black and with other lettering in gold. Bro. Shives, as usual, was present, and makes a glowing report of the event in a letter to the editor.

We regret, that, owing to the heavy demands on the space of the PALM we cannot go more into detail. The Ohio brothers deserve to be most heartily congratulated on their success.

CHAPTER REPORTS.

ALA. ALPHA EPSILON.

Since the last Congress we have worked and labored to be able to present a clear report to this Congress. We have endeavored to pay off all debts and advance the cause of Alpha Tau Omega as much as was in our power. Since the last Congress, we have initiated in the holy bonds of fraternal love thirteen brothers, all true and loyal brothers, whose purpose in college is for the good of our fraternity. Ala. Alpha Epsilon has, I believe, the largest number of initiates of any chapter. We have on our roll 197 initiates. Of this number only nine have passed to greater rewards beyond. Among our number is the present Governor of Alabama, Bro. William J. Samford. He is a loyal and devoted brother. Then, too, there is our dear and beloved brother, George Holt Lamar. Alpha Epsilon has always held her place in our college. At the very first, she took the lead and since then, 1879 (when she was founded), she has endeavored to rise above the level of the other fraternities, and thus far her efforts have been successful. Our financial condition is very good; since the last Congress we have paid off all our debts and have some money on hand. We now are doing our best to build a chapter house. We have one of the choicest lots in our town. Last year we placed two mantels in our hall, which cost us \$125. Since the opening of college this session we have initiated six men, making in all eighteen men, as we opened with twelve; also we have one from Ala. Beta Beta. In college we have as many honors as other fraternities. It is against the will of the president that professors attend our meetings; therefore, our A. T. O. professors never attend our meetings. Alpha Epsilon has been in existence twenty-one years, and of all those initiated during her existence only one has proven himself unworthy. Alpha Epsilon again wishes success to all her sister chapters.

H. M. SMITH, Del.

ALA. BETA BETA.

Since our last Congress, Beta Beta has continued to advance. While our numbers have not been large, our ideals have been high, and we believe that at present our chapter occupies a very enviable position.

During the year 1889-1900 our record was exceptionally good. First, with only one exception, we initiated every man

who was invited, and at the end of the year had doubled the number present at the opening. Our initiates during the present year have been few, owing to the great scarcity of fraternity material among the new matriculates.

The brothers initiated since our last report are as follows: Alonzo Abram, '02; Leon H. Watkins, '02; Horace C. Cleveland, '02; Wm. P. Chilton, '01; Wallace W. McGhee, '01; Louis C. Steele, '04; Sidney L. Gibson, '04; Julian L. Dickenson (expelled); John McDuffie (affiliating now with Ala. A. E.); John W. Frazer, '03; Frank E. Chapman, '02; Ferd. H. Bryant, '03.

Two of our members have died since our last report, Bros. Thos. A. Kimbrough and Benj. H. Witty, the latter being shot and killed by a drunken rowdy. In them Alpha Tau Omega has lost two of her best standard-bearers.

Chief among the characteristics of our chapter has been a supreme regard and love for our great principles. These are discussed and dwelt upon in our meetings, and our exercises are thus made doubly impressive. Not only so, but we endeavor to make our lives accord with the lessons they teach. We believe that if our principles are worth anything, they are worthy of putting into practical execution in daily life, in words, thoughts and acts.

Again, we put special stress upon the spirit of true fraternal love. We have no factions, nor do we tolerate such. We have the same griefs and the same pleasures.

We have lost no ground in the esteem of the faculty or students. Class leadership and the first honor roll are our objects. We have had unstinted honors both during the session and at commencement. In fact, there are no good movements of any kind launched in the Southern University, but that Alpha Taus are found right at the head.

Since our last report we have made our chapter hall a thing of great beauty. We have now almost all the prescribed paraphernalia, and our initiations are, therefore, much more impressive.

Our great aim at present is the building of a chapter house. We have raised a moderately good amount, and have the promise of a suitable lot. Our chapter house solicitor is untiring in his efforts to secure contributions, and is meeting with a success which causes us to believe that the house will be built before a great while.

The social standing of our chapter is truly an enviable one. We do not seek to impress ourselves upon the public by a flashing show, but by a manifestation of those qualities of a true gentle-

man that cannot but give us precedence everywhere. And thus, without great expense of either time or money, we have earned a valuable reputation, and this we shall seek to sustain.

We are especially indebted to the careful supervision of our Provincial Chief, Bro. McCord. We are very favorably impressed with the efficiency of the system.

We lost two members by graduation this year, but if all return who intend, we will be well represented next year.

We extend most cordial greetings to every chapter of our noble brotherhood, and trust that each succeeding biennium will find our national organization stronger, more unified and more firmly grounded in those vital principles to which we have pledged our lifelong devotion.

M. N. CARPENTER,
A. C. DAVIS,
Delegates.

ALA. BETA DELTA.

Since the last Congress we have worked very hard. We have initiated thirteen brothers, and paid an old debt, contracted long before any of the active members entered college. We are at present on a solid financial basis, owing no one a cent. Fourteen loyal A. T. O.'s make up our present active chapter. We have, since the last Congress, furnished our hall beautifully, and hold our meetings in same every Saturday morning. It is my honest belief that the chapter is in a more flourishing condition than ever before. While all this is true, nevertheless, we recognize the necessity for constant striving and hard work. This every one of the chapter has determined to do; so only success can await us.

W. E. DRENNEN, Del.

CAL. GAMMA IOTA.

It is with great regret that we find ourselves unable to send a delegate to the Seventeenth Biennial Congress of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. But, while we are unable to be represented, we point with pride to our success in opening a chapter house at the beginning of this semester. The opening of a chapter house so soon after our organization has necessarily entailed a great expense. As all fraternities represented at the University of California either own or rent a chapter house, we felt it absolutely necessary to have a fraternity home from the very beginning, and so have concentrated our energies to this end. We hope that this success, together with our youthfulness and our

great distance from Boston, will be accepted as an excuse for not having a representative at this Congress.

Opening the college year with thirteen charter members, we have initiated seven men. Bro. Max Plumb, of Massachusetts Gamma Beta, has affiliated with us, making in all twenty-one active members. All of these brothers, we believe, are worthy wearers of the Maltese cross, and appreciate the beauty and solemnity of our glorious fraternity.

All the A. T. O.'s residing in this vicinity have taken an interest in our welfare, and their attendance and kind words at our chapter meetings greatly encourage us.

Bro. J. A. Clay is right guard on this year's varsity football team, and Bro. Frank F. Ellis, our former varsity quarter-back, is assisting "King Kelly" in coaching the football team. Bro. Max Plum is an instructor in chemistry in the University.

Bro. W. H. DeBell, Virginia Epsilon, 1882, is principal of the Dwight Way school here in Berkeley.

Bro. Percival Lewis, District of Columbia Upsilon, 1887, has returned from his leave to Europe, where he has been engaged in Physics research for the University. He has resumed his chair in the faculty and gives us many encouraging talks.

Financially, we are in good condition. Seven of the brothers have badges.

There are 2,002 students at Berkeley, about four-fifths of whom are men. There are fourteen fraternities.

CAL. GAMMA IOTA.

GA. ALPHA BETA.

Georgia Alpha Beta is enjoying one of the most prosperous years in her history. At the opening of the fall session only three of the old men were on hand, but immediately they started to work and, because of the old standing of Alpha Tau, we soon had the names of eleven of Georgia's most prominent sons on our register. We immediately moved our club rooms into a more prominent and popular part of the classic city of Georgia, and now have them elegantly furnished, and are enjoying a year of prosperity and pleasure. Georgia Alpha Beta owes naught to anyone.

We are not in a chapter house at present, but have already rented a convenient and beautiful house to occupy next September. We have three men pledged now who will enter the University next September, and can confidently say Georgia Alpha Beta of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity stands second to none at the University.

L. L. GRINER, Del.

GA. BETA IOTA.

The past two years have been successful ones indeed for Ga. Beta Iota; with a membership of seventeen, two brothers in faculty, and some sixty-odd alumni in the city, the enthusiasm of the chapter is above par.

The policy of the chapter is a conservative one as to initiations, believing that the ideal chapter consists of quality and not quantity.

During the session of '99-'00 the chapter was forced to expel Mr. Emile P. Moses, of Sumpter, S. C. It suffices to say that it was done on constitutional grounds after a consultation with both our Provincial Chief and Worthy Grand Chief, this being the second expulsion in the history of our chapter.

The financial condition of our chapter is good, owning property and with no liabilities. The trustees of our institution have given us a site on which to build a house, to be used as a place of meeting. An effort is being made by the chapter to take advantage of this offer.

Ga. Beta Iota approves very heartily the provincial system, and feels that she has received much aid and benefit from same.

Regular meetings are held once a week, and the secret work is read several times each year.

Each brother owns a pin and several own two.

E. G. COLE, Del.

ILL. GAMMA ZETA.

(The report of this chapter, as at New Orleans, was presented in very attractive printed form, including a cut and complete list of the active and pledged members.)

To the Grand Officers, to the delegates, and to all Alpha Taus, Illinois Gamma Zeta wishes to extend greeting, and to offer the following Biennial Report:

Since our last report, Gamma Zeta has met with a success that is a pride to her members. Although meeting with many seemingly unsurmountable obstacles, she comes before Congress with an active chapter of sixteen men, and a chapter roll raised from forty-eight to sixty-five.

The other chapters represented at the University of Illinois are: Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

About fifteen per cent. out of eighteen hundred matriculated students are fraternity men. The usual share of college honors has fallen to our lot. Bro. F. W. Scott is now editor-in-chief of

"The Illini" (tri-weekly), and was assistant editor of "The Illio" (annual); Bro. Eugene Burke, track manager for 1900; Bro. Bailey was manager of the inter-scholastic meet here last spring; Bro. Scott now stands a fair show for the class presidency next semester.

Since our last Congress we have had a visit from our Province Chief, Bro. E. P. Lyon. We wish that these visits might come oftener.

Gamma Zeta has no indebtedness, except that incurred in daily running expenses, in all not to exceed sixty dollars.

All of the fraternities here are now located in chapter houses. We feel very fortunate in being able to enter so young in our chapter life a house of good proportions and of excellent location. We find the new life so much more pleasant that nothing could persuade us to give it up. We always have room for visiting Alpha Taus, and hope it may be our pleasure to receive many such visits.

With best wishes for every Alpha Tau, Gamma Zeta fraternally submits this report.

DONALD HERBERT BAILEY, Del.

IND. GAMMA GAMMA.

During the two years which have elapsed since our last Congress Indiana Gamma Gamma has undergone some severe strains, but we are proud to say that we are again on our feet, and can justly lay claim to being *the* fraternity at Rose Polytechnic Institute. The position which the chapter occupied some time past was but the outcome of circumstances over which we had no control.

With the class of '99 graduated five of our best men, whom we had relied upon and who had gained for Alpha Tau a most prominent position at Rose. They were sadly missed, for our chapter always has been and, of necessity, probably always will be comparatively small, on account of the limited number of men which we have to draw from. We returned in the fall of '99 with but six men, but these six were determined and, with that spirit which is characteristic of every true Alpha Tau, immediately began to scan the Freshman class for new material. We were successful in securing from this class four good men: Bros. Burt, Ingle, Peddle and Pine. About this time the faculty essayed to play some part in fraternity affairs, and the result was that an agreement was concluded between the fraternities, the substance of which was that no freshman would be initiated before the

Christmas holidays. This has proved very beneficial to us, but it was a source of some financial annoyance at first.

In order to further the social relations of the chapter we decided to entertain at our fraternity rooms with an afternoon tea. This was somewhat of a novelty for us and proved successful. During the spring we entertained as usual with our annual dance at the Terre Haute. This year was closed with ten men in the chapter, Bro. A. L. Kittredge having left Rose to attend Purdue at Lafayette.

This fall we were unfortunate in losing Bro. Rust, of Kansas City, who was unable to return on account of poor health, resulting from a serious accident which befell him early in the summer. We have given up our fraternity rooms and expect to be in a chapter house before April 1st. Our meetings are very animated and although Indiana Gamma Gamma may lack in numbers, we feel sure that this deficiency is offset by the intense interest displayed in fraternity affairs.

Indiana Gamma Gamma wishes success to her sister chapters and extends greetings to the new chapters which are here represented for the first time.

EDGAR L. FLORY, Del.

LA. BETA EPSILON.

It is with a mixed feeling of satisfaction and regret that Beta Epsilon extends greeting to the grand officers, High Council and brothers in Alpha Tau; of satisfaction because we have had the opportunity of meeting and knowing so many of our brothers from all over the country, and of regret because that opportunity has now become but a short chapter in our history, and may never again come under the head of "new business."

Though, in our selfish moments, our minds will turn to the retrospect and linger fondly and enthusiastically over what we are pleased to call "Our Congress," we more often look forward to what it was but a portent of, a bright and glorious future.

Since making her last report among scenes much more familiar, though not more pleasant, I am sure, La. Beta Epsilon has been able to maintain the position which she has held for many many years past, due as much to the unflagging support of her alumni, as to the work done by the active chapter.

It would be both egotistical and tiresome for us to enumerate the number of offices which our men have held in the last two years, so you will not be burdened with them. We would prefer that you hear of them from others, and we regret very much that there are not "others" well enough acquainted with us to tell

you about them as we want you to know. But you will never learn of them from us; no, never, not unless we get time enough to impress their number and importance upon you individually. We would desire your brotherly ear for a "confidential" chat for that purpose.

The prospects for a bright future for fraternity life at Tulane are particularly promising this year, due to the installation of a new man, Dr. E. A. Alderman, in our executive chair. In the few short months that he has been with us he has worked wonders. Where it was customary to hear nothing but carping and thoughtless criticism, we now hear nothing but praise for the university. He has instilled a new college spirit into the students. I should leave off the word "new," for heretofore there has been but little college spirit manifested by all but a very few of the students. Our cry is now "forward," and Beta Epsilon hopes and expects to keep abreast of the university in its up-building.

Though it is now our misfortune not to be able to meet and know you all as it was our good fortune to do at the last Congress, we want to impress upon you the fact that what we then did was but a sample of a stock of goods which we always keep on hand, the price of which is the grip and pass-word of Alpha Tau Omega.

HENRY H. CHAFFE, Del.

MASS. GAMMA BETA.

Mass. Gamma Beta reports with pleasure that the past two years have seen nothing but steady growth, both in numbers and in influence of our beloved fraternity in Tufts College. At the beginning of the present college year our chapter numbered thirteen. At present our chapter roll contains twenty names, and there are several prospective members in the college.

We now occupy a fraternity house, larger and in every way more convenient than any we have before possessed. Four of the brothers have rooms in the building and the boarding club has rooms on the ground floor. The new house gives us better facilities for advancing Alpha Tau in a social way also. We shall continue the whist parties, which have been so pleasant and profitable in the past. Several smoke talks will be held, and the entertainment committee has under consideration the plan of holding a series of lectures by members of the faculty and others at the chapter house.

Financially, we are in good condition. In regard to college and class honors, Alpha Tau stands very well in the college. We

have a representative on every Class Day Committee for 1901, together with the Chapel Oration. We have the presidency of the Junior class and of the Freshman class, and the manager of the 'varsity football team for 1901 is an Alpha Tau. We do not hold as high a position in scholarly attainments as we shall, but commencement parts, competitive scholarships and prizes have not been wanting to us in the past.

Considering, then, that with all the encouraging conditions which have been enumerated, we have to strengthen us and urge us onward the great undying principles of our grand old fraternity, which will not brook delay or half-heartedness, we men of Mass. Gamma Beta are looking forward with pleasure to the dawn of the new century, because we feel that each succeeding year is bringing nearer the time when Alpha Tau Omega shall be in every way the greatest Greek letter fraternity in our college.

FORREST SUMNER LUNT, Del.

MAINE BETA UPSILON.

Side by side with the growth of our college is the growth of our chapter. We have at present twenty-seven active members and have two men pledged. Since our last Congress we have initiated twenty-five men. It is the aim of our chapter to select men representing different phases of college activity.

Since establishment, Beta Upsilon has graduated more honor men, more athletes, more men of musical talent, than any of her rivals. Last year five men and this year four, including the captain, Bro. Wormell, represented us on the gridiron.

We have always placed a large delegation of men on the athletic team; last year Bro. Rollins was elected captain.

For the last two years we have been well represented in baseball, not in numbers, but by the efficient work of Bro. Cushman, the "crack" pitcher of Maine, and in '99, by Bro. Pretto, the star short-stop.

In the musical clubs we have always held responsible positions. Last year we had the manager of the several clubs, the leader of the instrumental, the leader of the orchestra and four men on the Glee Club.

We rent the same house we have lived in for five years. Last spring when our lease expired, we, feeling that we could not build, again leased this house for a period of five years. It is pleasantly located, and makes us an ideal college home.

Bounded by success on all sides, we look forward to a prosperous future. With best wishes to every Alpha Tau, Beta Upsilon submits this report.

P. R. KELLER, Del.

MAINE GAMMA ALPHA.

Since the last Congress we have initiated six men, none having been taken this year. We feel that an explanation is, perhaps due to this part of our report. Having had for four or five years past the third largest chapter among the five represented at Colby, we entered on the fall term with fourteen men, and under favorable circumstances. However, through the development of unfavorable conditions externally, and considerable laxity internally, we failed to secure any men this fall. Since, the old Alpha Tau spirit has revived doubly and two good men are already pledged for next year, and our loyalty, energy, and prospects were never stronger or better. Our alumni have given good encouragement, and if any crisis seemed at hand it is well passed.

Financially we are in good condition. We have a well-furnished hall on Maine street, and the meetings have been well attended.

In college activities Gamma Alpha has had, as usual, more than her share of honors.

Our club is located at 12 High street, and there every Alpha Tau is heartily welcome.

We hope for the prosperity of the fraternity, and give assurance that we shall endeavor to do our part toward that end.

HENRY L. WITHEE, W. M.

RALPH W. RICHARDS, Del.

MICH. ALPHA MU.

Michigan Alpha Mu, through its delegate, sends greetings to the grand officers and brothers assembled in this Seventeenth Congress, and is glad to submit the following report:

Since the last Congress we have been working, to the best of our ability, for the advancement of Alpha Tau Omega. We have initiated seven into the noble principles of our order, and we feel that they are up to the standard of A. T. O. In no case when we have invited an alien has that invitation been refused. This shows the high esteem in which we are held at Adrian.

In athletics we have held the balance of power, the majority of captains and managers of the respective teams being Alphas. In the class room, society hall, or any of the other departments of the college, our boys are at the top.

There are numerous things which might be mentioned here, but they are embodied in the Worthy Master's report.

It will be noticed that our chapter this year is small, but when it comes to a choice between quantity and quality, we select

the latter. Our prospects for next year are bright, as every brother will return to college.

We have regular classes for the reading of secret work, and as the brothers know more about our noble fraternity, they take a greater interest in it.

Last year we had the pleasure of entertaining the convention of the Michigan Chapter, where we met a large number of the brothers from Beta Kappa and Beta Omicron, also Bro. Lyon, our Province Chief. We received much benefit from his visit, and wish we could see him oftener.

We heartily approve of the provincial system, but believe there should be some changes in it. We should like to see the Province Chief elected by the chapters of his province. Also we think that he should visit each chapter and examine every member on the secret work.

Another thing we would suggest is a stronger extension policy on the part of the fraternity at large. At the last meeting of the Michigan Chapters they adopted resolutions favoring this policy. We would like to see chapters in more of the schools of the West, where are many colleges that are rapidly growing, and now is the time for us to establish chapters in them. We hope that this question will be discussed during this Congress.

HOMER T. SWIFT, Del.

MICH. BETA KAPPA.

As a chapter, we can say all is well with us. Though many changes have occurred since our last Congress, the completion of our membership materially changed by the absence of old faces, or rather the presence of new ones, yet the high standard of our fraternal order we, in our way, are endeavoring to maintain, and can flatter ourselves on the measure of success which has been ours.

The life of our chapter, though not characterized by dash, yet is vigorous and safe. The honor of the fraternity in this section we think is in safe hands, and though we number now but ten active members, yet the cause of our limited number is in ourselves, not in the alien world about us. Quality rather than quantity is preferred by us.

We, as a chapter, are carrying on our full share of the life of the institution which fosters us. There is no phase of the life of the institution in which we are not represented and where the sturdy qualities of our boys are not felt. Honors are ours whenever we go for them, and we have gone for them.

Our financial status is good, there not being a dollar of present indebtedness or of possible future debt for the coming year but what is provided for.

There is nothing of significance in our fraternal life which should be reported to you. Our chapter house, which we had hoped to have settled on the campus by the coming year, is still up in the air, but we still think and feel that it is not an impossible thing for us, and hope in the near future to materialize it and bring it to earth. The difficulties are more of a legal nature than a financial one. Our alumni and chapter have the will; the way is not just right.

While we lose six members this coming June through graduation, yet we hope to initiate five of our pledge boys this coming term, thus filling up the ranks.

An earnestness and sincerity have characterized our recent fraternal life, and while we do not want to blow our own horn, yet from present indications you can count on Beta Kappa giving a good account of herself.

C. C. MITCHELL, Del.

MICH. BETA OMICRON.

During the last two years Beta Omicron has been in many ways eminently successful. The esteem in which we are held as students is shown in the fact that each of our five seniors has a class office, including president and toast master. The faculty have not yet chosen valedictorian or salutatorian, but we are led to believe that our chances are good. Two of our men are instructors in the college. The Senior Professor of Economics offers a course in seminar work in his department to a limited number of men selected by himself; and we count it no small honor that three out of the four members are Alpha Taus. We also boast of some musical talent; our octette furnishes music at all college functions, besides having dates out of town; also the bass and tenor of the M. E. church quartette are our men; one brother directs the boys' vested choir of the church.

In athletics we are on top. The most important event in the M. I. A. A. Field day is the mile relay race, with a fine cup as trophy. For two years we have had two men on this team each year, and the captain of the team; and Albion has been victor twice. This year we will probably have three men on the team, and our last year's captain has been re-elected. If we can hold the cup this year it is Albion's for good. In baseball and football we have held captaincies. In the past season we had four men on the 'var-

sity football eleven, and three in baseball. Neither team was beaten but once during the season; the baseball team winning the Inter-collegiate cup last Field day. We have also beaten N. W. U. for two years. In basket ball we have had a captain and two players each year. Albion has enjoyed phenomenal success in athletics since Coach Brewer came. The whole school belongs to the athletic association according to his plan, and teams elect their own captains. He has full power in selecting men for teams.

Two years ago we began a movement for a lodge; our alumni have become interested, and the result is that our lodge will be begun this spring on the lot given us by the faculty in the lower campus. Another chapter has been working unsuccessfully for a lodge for ten years; so we feel very highly pleased at our success in so short a time, especially since our alumni number only half as many as the chapter mentioned, which is the oldest at Albion.

Although we lose by graduation five men this year, still we feel that the men who are left are all men of exceptional strength, and our standard will not be lowered. The lodge will also help them in securing new material of the desirable kind.

Our policy in the social realm is to give three banquets a year. These are always marked events in the social life at Albion. When we have the lodge, we expect to return to our old plan of also giving a so-called conversazione, which had to be dropped when we gave up our chapter house. This is a sort of reception to not only other fraternity people, but also to the independents in school. We feel that this helps to break down the narrow fraternity spirit on one side and the bias against fraternities on the other.

For several years we have been embarrassed with regard to PALM dues, but this year we adopted a new plan of raising the fall term's dues sufficient to cover the PALM dues. This plan has worked admirably, and for the first time we find ourselves straight with the PALM so early in the year. We have also paid up the part of the debt left from last year.

Beta Omicron is pleased to submit this favorable report to her sister chapters, to whom we send a most cordial greeting.

E. R. SLEIGHT, Del.

NEBRASKA GAMMA THETA.

Two years ago when Congress met in New Orleans we occupied a modest suite of five rooms, but, by persistent endeavor

and the hardest kind of steady, up-hill work, we have progressed until to-day we feel justified in saying that our chapter house is second to none in the University of Nebraska.

For the last year and a half we have conducted our own table at the chapter house and have found that this has been a means of drawing the chapter more closely together.

We have realized from the first that a uniformly conservative policy in the selection of new members was not only desirable but even absolutely necessary to our continued existence. But a sustained effort, carried out by every man in the active chapter, with the assistance of loyal alumni, has enabled us to add twenty-two names to our chapter roll since the assembling of the sixteenth Congress in New Orleans.

While the list of our alumni is not a long one, every man whose name appears upon it is loyal to the chapter and is constantly aiding it, not only by advice but by very substantial financial assistance as well. This enables us to proceed with any reasonable project with full confidence that they will assist us in carrying out our plans.

We have watched with a great deal of interest the apparent growth of sentiment in the fraternity at large in favor of extension among the colleges of the West. We are very earnest in our hopes that chapters of Alpha Tau Omega will soon be founded in all of the larger western institutions. Our chapter has endeavored to assist this movement by correspondence whenever there was an apparent opening, and hopes in time to see some good resulting from our efforts.

HARRY H. CULVER, Del.

NORTH CAROLINA XI.

Since our last report to the Congress in New Orleans, our chapter has had the good fortune to lose only four men, and while we regret their loss very much, we have been able to get other good men to take their places, who have made us strong and enthusiastic members, and to-day, with the exception of two years, our roll is the largest in our history.

For the last three or four years our chapter has been taking on itself a new life, and developing in its members more energy and enthusiasm, and this year she has been wider awake and more energetic than ever before in her past history.

One of the most serious obstacles to our growth and advancement in the past has been the restrictions placed upon fraternities in our college, but this year we are glad to report, all restrictions

have been removed, and there has consequently been developed here a wider and better fraternity spirit, and with freedom to act, we see no reason why we should not expect more growth in the future than has been made in the past.

One of the most serious needs of our chapter has been a chapter house, or at least a hall in which we could hold our meetings and initiations, and at the beginning of this year we set on foot a plan for building a hall, and by the liberal aid of our alumni, we have just completed and nicely furnished a spacious hall on the fourth floor of the college Inn. We have some prospects also for a chapter house in the near future and by next Congress we hope to report this much needed and hoped for addition to our chapter property.

One of the most prominent and influential leaders in the political life of our state to-day is Bro. F. M. Simmons, who is an alumnus of our chapter, and whom we are glad to say was overwhelmingly elected in the primary of last election as U. S. Senator. Bro. Simmons has built up an enviable reputation in this State, and in his new position as U. S. Senator, we feel sure that he will discharge his duties with the same ability and high sense of honor and manliness which he has shown in the service he has given to his State.

To her sister chapters here represented N. C. Xi sends hearty congratulations for past success, and best wishes for their future prosperity.

FRED C. ODELL, Del.

N. Y. ALPHA LAMBDA.

A fair example of true Alpha Tau spirit is to be found at the present time in a little school of which you may have heard, located in a village where the Hudson meets the Atlantic.

On a Tuesday night, some two months ago, there met by appointment the Alpha Taus who were attending Columbia University. There were Batchelder, of Massachusetts, Fall and Hopkins, of Michigan, Pitkin, of Ohio, Warren, of Alabama, Phillips, of Georgia, and Luke and Overton Lea, of Tennessee. A very short time was required for organization. All red tape procedure had been performed, so New York Alpha Lambda was then and there re-established.

Of course, the first question has been how to place the chapter on the most substantial and permanent basis. The eight affiliates who made up the charter membership were all graduate or professional students. It has required quite a little endeavor to obtain a strong but conservative footing in the undergraduate

departments, but the difficulty has largely been overcome. Alpha Lambda has the pleasure of introducing to the fraternity Bros. Wells, Shenkowitz and Pullech, and she points to them as indicating what she is doing and what she will do.

Alpha Lambda now has a membership of eleven. We will hold further initiations early in January, and fully expect to have eighteen or twenty loyal men before the end of the scholastic year.

The chapter is fortunate in having the strong support of the New York City alumni. Bro. T. M. Jones, our Provincial Chief, Bro. Thompson, the president of the local association, and Bros. Southworth and Weymouth have been especially cordial in their assistance in re-establishing the Columbia chapter.

We are glad to meet occasionally in joint session with the New York Alumni Association. The initiation ceremony of the chapter brings back to the alumni pleasant recollections of college days, while the presence and cordiality of the older men cannot fail to impress the new Alpha Taus.

Alpha Lambda heartily approves the provincial system, and would suggest that the provinces be made of such size as to permit of visitation of all chapters by the chiefs.

The future of our chapter is bright, and no clouds are on the horizon. Alpha Lambda will become and will remain one of the brightest stars in the Alpha Tau galaxy.

ULRICH B. PHILLIPS, W. M. and Del.

N. Y. ALPHA OMICRON.

To the grand officers and members of the Seventeenth Biennial Congress Alpha Omicron extends greeting, and begs leave to submit the following report:

Alpha Omicron was founded eighteen years ago by the founder of Alpha Tau Omega, Bro. Otis A. Glazebrook and Bro. Irving, Bacheller. Each succeeding year has been her best year. Under a new president, St. Lawrence is growing rapidly in standard and funds, and Alpha Omicron has the spirit of "the Greater St. Lawrence" and her prospects are the brightest in her history.

We rent a club house and annex, with spacious grounds. The two buildings afford living accommodations for twenty men. The chapter hall is located in the annex and is used exclusively for chapter meetings, which are held each Saturday evening at eight o'clock. The hall is furnished with prescribed paraphernalia, and is renovated and decorated every year by the men in-

tiated. All the furnishings of both houses to the amount of \$1,500 are owned by the chapter.

The subject of "new chapter house" has been energetically discussed for some time, and several plans started for the same. A sinking fund has been established and is growing; the chapter has shares in a Building and Loan Association, and a subscription paper is now among our alumni. We hope to report a house, at least in process of construction, at the next congress. Alpha Omicron reports funds in her exchequer and no debts.

We are conservative in choice of men, and our record in every department of college life shows that A. T. O. leads at St. Lawrence. At the last commencement four Phi Beta Kappa keys were voted and four "Maltese crosses" won the keys. For two years Bro. Miles has been leader of the Glee Club. Bro. Quinn is editor-in-chief of *The Laurentian*, the college magazine, and the name of the same brother appeared in the junior annual, *The Gridiron*, last year, as its manager.

Our chapter roll contains 123 names. The active chapter now numbers twenty-three. Since the last Congress Bro. Wetmore and Bro. Bernhard J. Pink, a much beloved brother and former member of the faculty, have been removed by death.

We hold two regular banquets each year, "The Freshman Initiatory" in November and "Alumni" in June.

Alpha Tau stands high in society and is always in evidence at all social events, and it has become proverbial that "the Alpha ball is the event of the season."

In athletics we hold many of the best places, and in seeking offices can always *bank* on a solid "non-fraternal" vote, since it is our policy to be friendly to all non-fraternal men in college. Bro. Laidlaw, as manager of the football team, has marked 1900 as the best football season St. Lawrence has ever had. Bro. Roblin has been elected football captain and Bro. Butler, baseball captain for the coming season. Bro. B. M. Duncan will captain and Bro. Emerson manage the track team next spring.

On the question of extension, Alpha Omicron believes in conservatism, as far as weak institutions and material is concerned, but believes that there are worthy institutions in the Middle West and the New England States in which the Maltese cross should be worn.

We heartily favor the Provincial System and feel very grateful to Bro. Jones, our Province Chief, for his deep interest in Alpha Omicron. The monthly report blank is of great assistance in collecting the dues.

We feel proud of the one hundred men who have gone out from our halls into the busy world and have won success in their various vocations. It is a remarkable fact that the first brother on our roll is still the most interested in us. This brother is the dearest one of all to every brother in the chapter. He is the most widely known of our alumni and we dare to say even the widest known Alpha Tau. At what fireside has "Eben Holden" not been read? Alpha Tau Omega is dear to the heart of Irving Bacheller, who is detained from attending this Congress by the illness of his mother, whose death has occurred since the convening of Congress.

Finally Alpha Omicron wishes to direct the attention of all the brothers present to a "local call" printed and sent to each chapter for inspection, and the same published in the last PALM. We will present it for adoption as a national call and ask your due consideration.

JOHN D. STARK, Del.

N. Y. BETA THETA.

We are glad to report the continued prosperity of former years, and that our long-cherished hope has at last been realized in the erection of our chapter house. We can now enter the fraternity field at Cornell more strongly than ever, although we have kept up our standard even under the adverse conditions during the last year and a half. It was through the hard work of our house committee and the active chapter last year, together with the liberal help of our alumni, that we succeeded in building our chapter house which we will occupy in January.

There are now twenty-five men in the active chapter, and we have initiated fourteen since the last Congress. We have lost nine by graduation and six from other causes.

Since our last report we have sustained a great loss in the death of Bro. Carl Edwin Hildebrand, '94, followed by that of Bro. Alex. B. Whitney, '98, who affiliated with us from Ga. Beta Iota, and who was one of Beta Theta's truest men.

Our chapter has always been opposed to the establishment of chapters in institutions which are not of the first class. This has been brought to our consideration more forcibly of late years by the failure and decline of several of our chapters in different colleges. Quoting from the report of our delegate to the Cleveland Congress, "By a first class institution we mean one that has a good standing in the educational world, not rating it according to the number of students." The fact that a chapter has once failed in an institution makes it all the more important that great

care should be used in re-establishing it, and we believe that it should be re-established only by the usual method of establishing an entirely new chapter. A letter from one of our alumni shows the feeling of Beta Theta on this subject. He says, "The whole fault lies in voting on new chapters at all, except at times when the whole fraternity is in convention. In several organizations this has proved successful. The applicants should appear before the whole convention and plead their case. Then everyone can see for himself, or rather for his chapter, what sort of men they are to get in the new chapter." More care should be given to the improvement of some of the chapters reported.

As there is a wide difference in the shape of A. T. O. badges, and some are hard to recognize as our badge except on close inspection, we recommend that a uniform shape be established and required of our official jewelers. R. W. ROBBINS, Del.

OHIO ALPHA NU.

In the past two years Ohio Alpha Nu has strengthened greatly and expanded normally. The proverbial prestige has been maintained, the honor of the chapter stands higher than ever before, and the congenial affection which makes membership in A. T. O. a real delight has been strikingly in evidence. The unity of the chapter is unquestioned.

We have initiated the following men: W. F. Finley, S. F. Tombaugh, R. C. Hoiles, O. B. Whinnery, M. D. Galbreath, W. C. Snyder, W. C. Morgan, B. H. Morris, R. E. Curtis, W. E. Fetter, J. P. Simons, C. B. Irwin, J. C. Carr, R. H. Carr, J. T. Hanlon, A. E. Williams, S. J. Wallace, T. S. Jenkins, Richard James, James Hobson, James Hoffman, Homer Scranton.

In 1899 the following were graduated: P. F. King, W. A. Kenney, G. F. Ramsayer, J. R. Snyder, John Wilson, In 1900, W. R. Davis and W. B. West.

In honors we enumerate a few, for our men excel in athletics, class, society and scholarship. We had captains of football teams, '00, and basketball teams of '00 and '01, and managers of baseball, track and basketball teams, as well as leading players on these teams, presidency of the Senior and Junior classes of '99, Freshman class of '00, Junior class of '01. F. I. Carr won the Junior scholarship prize for '99, and W. R. Davis, the Senior scholarship prize for '00. W. B. West was director of the gymnasium from '96-'99, and R. E. Curtis for '99-'00. Last summer H. M. Rider won the \$250 scholarship prize at Drew Theological Seminary from seventy competitors, and this fall John Simons

won the \$300 scholarship at Case School of Applied Science from sixty competitors. This year John Carr edits the annual, *The Union*, and I. E. Powell is business manager of *The Dynamo*. P. T. King represented Mt. Union at the State Oratorical Contest in '99, and in spite of adverse circumstances won second place, the highest our college has attained. Among our alumni we desire to call especial attention to the election of the Rev. J. W. Hamilton as the second A. T. O. bishop in the Methodist Episcopal church, a richly deserved honor.

We feel that there is a great future for the provincial system, and that it is possible for the chapters to realize much practical good from the administration of the fraternity in provinces. But more successful work can be done, in our opinion, by a readjustment of the provinces.

While we do not wish the slightest diminution of the rigor with which the welfare of each present chapter is watched, and while it is paramount to build up the fraternity internally, it does not seem natural to stand still. To grow appears but the natural action of a live, healthy organization, such as the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity is. The present seems to be the wise time to enter several thriving institutions, which will be educational centers in the coming years, rather than to wait until the field is fully occupied.

Finally, the Tenth State Conclave of the Ohio Chapters will be held at Alliance on the 22d of February. We most heartily invite Alpha Taus from other states as well as from Ohio to be with us on that occasion.

GUY E. ALLOTT, Del.

OHIO ALPHA PSI.

Ohio Alpha Psi was founded at Wittenberg College, Springfield, O., on November 8, 1883, by Bro. N. Wiley Thomas, of Pa. Tau. This chapter has the fortunate record of having initiated 106 members, and at the present time every one is living. Out of this number two were expelled.

Since its last report to Congress, Ohio Alpha Psi has had the honor of having the Annual State Conclave of the Ohio Chapters meet at Springfield on February 22, 1900. All voted the conclave a decided success, and I am sure that these annual state gatherings are for a great good in bringing into closer relation the chapters of the state. Bro. E. J. Shives was present and was gladly received. Bro. Bingham was unable to attend on account of sickness. The following visiting brothers were present: E. Fisher, Lane, Kirker, Robison, Pitkin, of Beta Mu; Mahon and

Jackson, of Beta Eta; and J. J. Lane, of Alpha Nu. Beta Omega was not represented. In the afternoon a reception was given in the parlors of the Arcade Hotel. In the evening, before the banquet, the business meeting was held in the chapter hall. After this very profitable meeting we all adjourned to banquet at the Arcade Hotel.

This ended the program and we were all reluctant to say farewell to each other.

Ohio Alpha Psi is in a very flourishing condition this year, with good solid men and members. Since the Sixteenth Congress we have initiated fourteen men. Last spring, by graduation, we lost three good men, Bros. Kendall, Ruhl and McKinney. Bro. Kendall had the "pipe of peace oration" on class day and Bro. McKinney delivered an oration on commencement. We have a high standing among the other fraternities here. The memberships are: Phi Kappa Psi, 14; Beta Theta Phi, 17; Phi Gamma Delta, 13; Alpha Tau Omega, 15. The only thing which bothers us at present is a debt, which was contracted a few years ago. We have now the largest and undoubtedly the strongest chapter we have ever had. Every one is a good worker, and we take our share, and more too, sometimes, of the honors about the college.

Bro. Rugh has been in our chapter longer than any other brother. He is the busiest and surely the most popular man in college. He has pitched for the baseball team for three years and has a fine record at the game. He has been captain of his class team, and in the recent athletic election he was chosen captain of next year's baseball team. Bro. Rugh was president of the college Y. M. C. A. last year and is now state secretary of the college Y. M. C. A. He has been a member of the college glee club for three years. The present senior class, of which he is a member, has for the third time elected Bro. Rugh as its president. Bro. James O. Simon, '01, is the best center at Wittenberg for several years. He is a very loyal Alpha Tau and has done some fine work in Ohio Alpha Psi. Bro. Simon expects to teach next year. He has been elected by the graduating class to deliver the "Ivy Oration." Bro. Curtis W. Laughbaum, '01, has been another Alpha Tau of the true stripe. He sings in the college Glee Club, which position he has held for three years. Bro. Laughbaum was the secretary of the Athletic Association last year. Bro. George F. Sheese, '01, has been in the chapter for about one year. He was elected one of the business managers of the Wittenberger last year and is a popular young man.

Bro. Otto R. Largent, '02, was pledged for two years and this

fall was taken in. This is his third year as a member of the College Glee Club. Bro. Largent was elected the historian of his class when a Freshman. He was manager of the class baseball team last year, and has a high class standing.

Bro. Wm. Mackenzie, ex '02, has not been in attendance at school this term, but has taken an active interest in the affairs of the chapter. Last year he was president of the athletic association, and played on the class ball team.

Bro. Walter N. Elder, '03, is fullback on the 'varsity. He has the reputation of being the best fullback at Wittenberg since the days of Bro. Wm. Black, who after leaving our college played half back on the '98 Princeton team. Bro. Elder has an ideal build for fullback and is fast on his feet. He played end on the '98 and '99 football teams. Bro. Elder is also first base on the baseball team, and had the highest batting average of last year's team. Last year he was captain of his class team. He is also a member of the track team and belongs to a local inter-frat society.

Bro. O. F. Weaver, '03, one of our new initiates, has a very good class standing and a good record in the literary societies.

Bro. Walter Huffman, '03, was one of the honor pupils in his class at the city High School and is still a good student. He played on his class baseball team.

Bro. Keller Watkins, '04, has played on the baseball team at center-field and is a pitcher for the team. He pitched a fine game for his class team. Bro. Watkins is a good worker and is popular. Next year he will go to the Ohio State University, where he will study mechanical engineering.

Bro. Court H. Miller, '04, a new initiate played a good game at end on the second football team this season, and is pretty sure of filling that position on the 'varsity next year. We captured Bro. Miller after some rushing, as his father was a Phi Kappa Psi, and he was brought here under the escort of a Beta.

Bro. Arthur Gerlough, '04, another new man, played tackle on the second team and is the musician of the chapter. He is the son of a wealthy cattle raiser at Osborne, O. We scored a point on the Phi Gamma Deltas when we secured Bro. Gerlough.

Bro. Clarence McCreary, '04, is a high school graduate, and was much sought after by the other frats. He had a brother who was a Beta, but in spite of that we landed him. He is very brilliant in his class work.

Bro. Vernon Booth entered this year, and is taking a special course preparatory to the study of pharmacy in the Ohio State University.

Bro. Carl Meloy, '02, was last year elected manager of the football team, and this year was elected on the Board of Directors of the Athletic Association. He played on the class baseball team and is a member of the track team, and belongs to the local society, Sigma Sigma.

There are about twenty-five alumni brothers who live in Springfield. Nearly all of our resident alumni are prominent young men.

Bro. John McGrew has probably done more for our chapter than any of the others. He always helps us out in any kind of entertainments and often comes to our weekly meetings. He was elected prosecuting attorney in the fall election, and for the second time was elected president of a republican club here, which is very influential. Bro. McGrew is also a very prominent Mason.

Bro. Richard Hochdoerfer is professor of modern languages at Wittenberg. He is a graduate of a high German University and later of Harvard. He is a very loyal Alpha Tau and helps us out in nearly everything. We are also proud to include among our charter members the most prominent Alpha Tau who has gone from Ohio Alpha Psi, Bro. E. J. Shives. As Bro. Shives is very modest and every Alpha Tau has heard of him, and also knows what a credit he has been to our fraternity, I will not attempt with unexpressive words to tell of his numerous honors, graces, and the untiring energy with which he works for the good of Alpha Tau Omega.

CARL MELOY, Del.

OHIO BETA MU.

Since last Congress Beta Mu has had two of the most successful years in the history of the chapter. It has not only kept its former high position, but has advanced it.

In that time we have initiated eleven men, graduated seven, and three have left school and gone into business. The present chapter roll numbers twelve men.

This year the new rules of the faculty prohibiting the initiating of any freshman or any man who is not taking a regular course of study before December 1st went into effect. But we have worked hard, and since that time have secured three of the best men entering Freshmen.

Our chapter is well represented in every department of college work. We have men on all of the athletic teams and also representatives on both the college publications, and our share of class offices and other college honors.

In a financial way we have never been in better condition, for

we are clear of all debt and this term have made improvements on our hall amounting to over \$100.

The other fraternities in school are Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Delta Beta and Theta Nu Epsilon and two sororities, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Since last Congress there have been important changes and improvements in the University. Dr. Holden has succeeded Dr. Scovel as president, and a number of important additions have been made to the faculty. The endowment fund has been largely increased, and as the result of a gift by Mr. Frick, of Pittsburg, we now have one of the finest library buildings in the State.

Beta Mu is heartily in favor of the provincial system, but thinks some of them are entirely too large to be properly attended to, as is the case of our province composed of Ohio and Tennessee, which is large enough for two provinces.

We also think the chapter house question of prime importance, and that every chapter not possessing one should try and formulate plans to that end.

As we are in few of the many universities of the West, and that is the great expansion area of the fraternities, we think it necessary, in order to establish a closer relationship with the chapters we now have there, and to be able to meet other fraternities on equal fighting grounds, to establish chapters in those schools.

We refer particularly to the Universities of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado and Kansas.

CHARLES SAMUEL McCLOSKEY, Del. and W. M.

OHIO BETA OMEGA.

Ohio Beta Omega hereby cordially greets all loyal brothers of Alpha Tau Omega in Congress and wishes success to the general fraternity equal to and, if possible, greater than that of the two preceeding years.

The Ohio State University, in which Ohio Beta Omega is located, has a student body of thirteen hundred and fifty, showing an increase in the last two years of two hundred and fifty. There are six distinct colleges in the University and nine different buildings; and the Ohio legislature has made provisions for two more buildings which will probably be completed before the next Congress.

There are now in the University thirteen fraternities, two of which are inter-fraternity frats, and four sororities. Our stand-

ing among these is conceded by both fratetnity men and barbs to be of the best.

By the work of our active chapter of seventeen and the help of our alumni, who, for the most part, take an interest in the fraternity, we expect to keep up the high standard we have set and even to raise it a little. We desire in this connection to mention Bro. Fred Mundhenk, who has done much to put the chapter where it is; also Bro. Shives, of the High Council, who, although not a member of our chapter, has done us much good in the last three months.

In the last two years A. T. O. has had more than her share of college honors. We have now, and have had, representatives on *all* the athletic teams of the University, and two of these teams have been managed and two captained by Alpha Taus. We have also had brothers on the glee club, mandolin and guitar club, boards of publication of the college weekly and college annual and have had various other offices.

We have since the last Congress initiated thirteen new men and received two affiliates, one each from Ohio Beta Eta and Ohio Alpha Psi; all of them are good men.

Our financial standing is very good, our only debt being to the PALM; and this we expect to pay very soon; in fact, we have enough dues uncollected to pay off this debt and leave a comfortable balance in the treasury. We intend to collect these dues and pay our PALM debt and running expenses so that by the end of the year we will owe nothing and will have a balance with which to begin the next year.

We will go next year into a chapter house, which is one of the best and handsomest buildings in the neighborhood of the University, and we will be glad to see then any Alpha Taus who come to college or to Columbus. We will give the address later. Meanwhile we hold weekly meetings on Saturday nights in a well-furnished hall, centrally located, and are always glad to receive any visiting brothers. GEORGE M. PARSONS, Del.

O. BETA ETA CHAPTER.

From the time our chapter was established here in 1837, our fraternity has been in the lead in contests, athletics and other departments of the university. In correcting our chapter roll this fall, I had occasion to personally look up the records of the O. Beta Eta boys, and the results of their work are very credible. Our alumni are in all professions and departments of life, and can be found in all parts of this country, and one or two in China.

Some of the best lawyers and business men have come from our chapter. But a reaction came four years ago; there were initiated into our chapter men who had no idea of management or responsibility. They had control of affairs for two years and during that time contracted debts that they never intended to pay. They bought furniture, held banquets, and in numerous other ways spent money, charging these things to the fraternity or using initiation money, which should have been sent to the general treasury. To cap all this, the man elected to represent our chapter in the last Congress on the day before Congress met telegraphed to New Orleans that he was sick and unable to attend. However, he had gone to Columbus and the boys supposed he was in his proper place. The funds given him for expenses he used, and his father paid them in only a few days ago. During these two years the chapter was plunged into debt, amounting to nearly four hundred dollars. Last year these men were all out and another class of men got a hold on things. With eight men in the chapter we paid by assessments and economy all but \$60 of the bills. Last fall, by a misfortune coming to two of our boys, we had only three men back to take up the work of the chapter. One week later we received a letter from the owner of our hall, Mr. Jones, saying he would give us until Saturday, three days, to pay up the \$60 due him, or he would close up the hall.

Friday morning, coming from the university I met Bro. Shives, who had just dropped in from Columbus, and I immediately told him the condition of affairs. He went with us in the afternoon to see Mr. Jones and, after an hour's talking, Bro. Shives obtained a promise to hold off until he should hear from him. Thus things moved until two weeks later we obtained a loan of \$50 from the general fraternity and paid our debt.

About the middle of October Bro. Shives made us another visit and aided us in rushing new men, and also aided in the initiation of Bros. Brayton and Hammond. During this visit Bro. Shives had a talk with several of our local alumni and, as a result, they have been standing by and aiding us in every possible way, a thing which they had not done for the last few years.

Working from three men in the middle of September, we now have seven initiated men, six pledge men and three more that we are almost sure of getting as soon as the winter term opens. Of the six pledged men, two will be initiated as soon as school opens and the others as soon as they get their freshman rank.

With this for a beginning, we can cancel most of our indebtedness this year, and leave a strong chapter practically free from debt next fall. Our PALM dues have been paid, and there are only three initiation fees due the general fraternity, which will be sent in as soon as school opens.

This year in the university we have 396 boys and 358 girls, the largest enrollment for one term in the history of the university. Within the last four years the university has been blessed by the erection of a fine library costing \$100,000, by a bequest of \$500,000 left by Mr. Mast, of Dayton, O.; a fine \$4,000 entrance to the ladies' seminary by Dr. Grey, and numerous small gifts. This is the school we have to draw from.

Now a few words in regard to our chapter hall. The hall consists of two rooms in the third floor on the corner of Main and Winter, the principal streets of the city. The front room is 40 by 50 feet, the rear room 40 by 40. These rooms are connected by rolling doors, and make by far the best and most pleasant hall in Delaware. We have all the paraphernalia necessary and are well equipped for work. We have just now the enmity of a couple of the other fraternities, who thought that we would be forced to give up our hall and they would get it. In fact it was commonly reported at the beginning of the term that A. T. O. would be forced to give up her hall and quit. But you see we are still there and, with our present prospects, apt to stay.

W. W. TOLERTON, Del.

OHIO STATE AND CLEVELAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The Ohio State Alumni Association, and, particularly, that branch of it which is located in the city of Cleveland, begs leave to submit through its delegate the following report:

One of the highest privileges of the alumnus is that one that enables him to maintain some kind of active, vital connection with the fraternity of which he is no longer, technically, an active member. Not only is this his privilege, but, as we believe, it is a very evident responsibility resting upon him as well. In obedience to these convictions, together with some other ideas, which perhaps may be somewhat selfish in their character, the various Alumni Associations of our fraternity have been formed.

So far as it has lain within our power to do so, we of our Ohio Associations have done what we could to discharge the obligations which we feel are justly resting upon us as members of Alpha Tau Omega in several ways. It is our endeavor to keep in touch with the active chapters by two means. We obtain reports

and personal letters from the chapters. We try to remember and have others faithfully obey that section of our constitution which has to do with alumni sending back yearly letters to their chapters. The other of the two means is more personal and necessarily more effective. We endeavor to stimulate the alumni to larger personal visitation to the chapters. This letter, undoubtedly, has both a direct and a reflex influence of immense benefit and pleasure. Again, we render what assistance we can in the way of recommending and spiking possible candidates for membership.

Our association in this connection would express its wish that some means more effective than any now in force might be devised whereby the alumni could be kept in more intimate knowledge of the movements of all other graduate members of their own chapters especially. The PALM is a constant source of inspiration and information to us all, and we wish to most heartily commend its management and methods. What we refer to above is something entirely outside the sphere of a fraternity publication—something perhaps that might be satisfactory, if carried on in no more formal manner than as an ordinary “round robbin” letter among friends.

With regard to what I have referred to above as the more selfish methods we pursue, perhaps I should add that nothing which in any way looks to the building up of a larger and stronger love for the fraternity which gave us birth into the world of Greeks can rightly be termed selfish. We meet with such frequency and regularity as we can in purely social gatherings. Then, at stated intervals, we meet for rather informal dinners, dignified by the term “banquet.” Those who have homes of their own endeavor to entertain in groups the other brothers who will do them the honor to accept such hospitality. Of course, it is needless to say, that every gathering of Alpha Taus is an occasion for discussing the matters of interest to the general fraternity. From this feature I wish to bring to you two remarks—one of hearty commendation. We have been happy to see marked evidences of the establishment of a more healthy, wise, judicious policy in the legislative and executive departments of our fraternity. And we reaffirm our loyal support of every movement which looks to the furthering of a larger life and the performing of the demands of a nobler mission by our beloved Alpha Tau Omega. Again, we would commend the provincial system as it has been tentatively established, believing it to be very certainly for the best results to the fraternity. We

venture to suggest, however, that before the system becomes definitely formed some amendments might well be considered. We believe that a rearrangement of the provinces, with a larger sum total would be very helpful to the fraternity and the chapter, and would certainly facilitate the labors of the various provincial chiefs. Again, we believe it would better conserve the interests of those concerned if a more direct voice in the management of provincial matters were given to the active men in the various provinces.

In closing, let me once more voice the cordiality with which the alumni of Ohio second every active aggressive movement emanating from our most efficient executive department, and let me also join with every good Alpha Tau in wishing for a continuance and a progressive advance of everything, however it may manifest itself, which really would have to do with the more complete impression of the noble principles so dear to the hearts of all the brothers.

PAUL R. HICKOK, Del.

PA. ALPHA UPSILON.

After a hard struggle of several years' duration, Pa. Alpha Upsilon has forced her way to the front again among the fraternities at Gettysburg College. For several years a too conservative spirit prevailed in our chapter and, as a result, she gradually deteriorated until she finally stood rather low in the fraternity circles of the college. Now, however, after hard work on the part of all, she has more than regained her former position.

We have at present nine active members, one brother in the town and one in the Theological Seminary. These two are active members also, as far as interest in the fraternity's success is involved. Further, we have five pledged men, four of whom will be initiated at the opening of the next term as soon as the necessary preliminary steps shall have been taken. When this shall have been done, we will be on an almost equal footing in point of numbers, with the foremost fraternities at our college.

It has always been the proud record of Pa. Alpha Upsilon that, in point of intellectual ability and scholastic honors, she has more than held her own. In the class of '98, besides the valedictorian and the salutatorian, we had the three next first-honor men of the class. In 1900 we had the valedictorian and a second-honor man. The editor of the college annual and the college weekly is proud to be an Alpha Tau.

At present, we have our home in rented rooms; but we hope and confidently believe that by the next Congress Pa. Alpha Up-

silon will be reported in a chapter house of her own. This house however, will be only a meeting place and not a dormitory home, because, by a ruling of the faculty, no fraternity is allowed to room in its chapter house.

We have some debts and a much larger amount in outstanding dues. Of this about half is owed by the brothers in college at present, and the remainder by alumni or ex-members.

Next year Alpha Upsilon loses but two men by graduation, so that she will be in fine condition for work, and we hope to report a still further increase in strength next year.

With fraternal greetings to all the chapters and best wishes for their success and prestige in their college and city homes, we close.

V. FREY, Del.

PA. ALPHA IOTA.

Since our last report the chapter has enjoyed a period of great success. It has lost none of the prestige which it had heretofore gained. We are stronger in number, stouter in A. T. O., sounder financially, and cut a greater swath in college, social and political life. In connection with the Allentown Alumni Association, we occupy one of the finest club houses in our vicinity.

During the past two years we have initiated and passed into our brotherhood twenty-one brothers, loyal and true followers of the Maltese Cross, and devoted supporters of A. T. O. principles.

As before stated, there is nothing that we cannot get in college politics. Socially our chapter's dances and evening entertainments are considered social happenings of importance.

Among honors fallen to the lot of Pennsylvania Alpha Iota, the following list would be suitable to show that the Taus have accomplished some good work:

Bro. Frank N. D. Buchman, '99, won the "Butler Analogy" prize; Bro. Victor J. Koch, class 1900, received Junior Oratorical prize in June, '99; the following year Bro. Howard E. Shimer, class 1901, received the same prize; Bro. Russel Lynn, class 1902, received the Sophomore Biological prize in June, 1900; on the *Ciarla* staff of the class 1900, which is the college annual published by each Junior class, were Bro. George Deisher, who held office of sub-editor, and Bro. Arthur Beck, who was business manager. The *Ciarla* staff of the class 1901 contained six Taus, Bros. Clarence Bickel, Irwin D. Schell, and Howard E. Shimer being sub-editors; Bro. Geo. L. Raether, artist, and Bros. Allen L. Benner and J. Howard Woerth, business managers. On the *Muhlenberg* staff, which is the college monthly, the Taus at present hold four

of the eight offices; Bro. J. Howard Woerth is editor-in-chief, Bro. Howard E. Shimer, assistant editor-in-chief, Bro. Samuel E. Moyer, local editor, and Bro. Russel B. Lynn, literary editor. Bro. Geiger, '02, is captain of 1901 college football team.

The chapter has incorporated a rule into its by-laws which compels every new initiate to commit the several oaths and recite them in open chapter within two weeks after his initiation, also compelling the initiate to pass a thorough examination upon both constitution and secret work. The penalty for the failure of performing either of these duties is most severe. We would respectfully suggest to all our sister chapters to try this method, even though it seems rather strict, of enforcing all the brethren to obtain a thorough knowledge of the obligations, secret work, and constitution of the fraternity to which they have the honor to belong.

We are proud to state that our PALM dues are all paid, that we owe no man a cent, that our credit is good for several hundred dollars at the bank at which we deal.

JOSEPH L. WEISLEY, Del.

PA. TAU.

Pennsylvania Tau sends her warmest fraternal greetings to the Grand Officers, the High Council, and all her sister chapters assembled in Congress at Boston.

On account of a combination of unfortunate circumstances, our chapter has been in a dormant state for the last several years, but it gives me great pleasure that I am able to report to you that we expect Pennsylvania Tau in the near future to occupy her former influential position at one of the largest Universities of the country.

Two meetings have been held this year in the dormitories of the University, at which plans were discussed for the advancement of the chapter. The following plan will be pursued. After the Christmas vacation we are going to initiate three men from the academic department, and with our present chapter as a nucleus we will have made a fair beginning.

There are five Taus at the University who have not yet affiliated, who have expressed their intention of so-doing. These affiliates will be made perfectly welcome, but we deem it best, from our former experience, to leave the actual running of the chapter in the hands of the academic men. Besides these brothers at the University, there are a number of enthusiastic brothers in Philadelphia, who are willing to aid us in every possible way.

A banquet was given at the Hotel Lafayette on the 15th of November to promote the fraternity spirit among the Taus of the city, the success of which was due in a large measure to the untiring efforts of Bro. Rugh. Twenty-one brothers were present.

We fully realize that it will require a great deal of hard labor, perseverance and self-denial to restore the chapter to its former prestige, but we are willing to undergo the sacrifice, and as we feel that we cannot fail with such an ardent, painstaking and loyal brother as Dr. Jump at our helm. Our wish is that all departments of the fraternity may enjoy a prosperous century.

F. N. D. BUCHMAN, Del.

R. I. GAMMA DELTA.

Since the last congress we have continued to hold the same enviable position among the fraternities at Brown, which we then possessed, and may boast of a scholastic, athletic and social status, second to none. Since the opening of the current academic year, we have initiated seven new men, making the present enrollment of Gamma Delta twenty-nine. Of these all but two own badges. Meetings are held weekly at the chapter house at which the average attendance has been nineteen. We are represented on the faculty by four brothers and are closely allied with all phases of college activity. Our finances are in good condition, enthusiasm is not lacking, and the prospects are bright for another successful year for A. T. O. at Brown.

LEON A. DRURY, Del.

S. C. BETA XI.

Since the last Congress Beta Xi has initiated eight new men. Being the only fraternity in this college we can afford to be most conservative in choosing our men. We are prominent in all college matters, athletic as well as literary. For the last three years, all our teams have been captained by Alpha Taus, and, with the exception of one year, have been managed by us. Among the offices held this year by Alpha Taus are the presidencies of the three upper classes, of the Athletic Association, the managership of the magazine and baseball team and other offices. Thus it is evident that we are prominent in college matters, and since we are Alpha Taus, it goes without saying that our social position is impregnable.

Weekly meetings are held every Saturday night, and are well attended, not only by active members but by alumni. Our monthly "Beers" have a wide reputation and, needless to say, are most enjoyable affairs.

CHAPTER REPORTS.

While we are not financially a strong chapter, still we have enough to meet current expenses, and to slowly add to the fund in the treasury.

Among the men who have recently left S. C. Beta Xi are: Bros. John Randolph, who has received his commission in the U. S. army; Forde Todd, who won the appointment from our section to Annapolis; Christie Benet, who has made quite a name for himself in football circles at the University of Virginia; Maynard Marshall, who is a postulate for Holy Orders at Sewanee.

Finally, I am glad to be able to say that in South Carolina the Beta Xi chapter upholds the high standing and unapproachable position of Alpha Tau Omega.

M. P. BRAWLEY, Del.

TENN. BETA TAU.

For the third time since our chapter was founded, nearly six years ago, we send our representative to the Biennial Congress of our beloved Brotherhood.

In six years we have grown from one to thirty-nine members, fourteen of whom are at present active members.

We have many reasons to be grateful for the prosperity which has attended us this year. It was easily seen at the opening of the session that the A. T. O.'s would take the lead, but we spared no pains and lost no time in starting up our work in earnest. In a short time we had pledged ten good men, eight of whom we have already initiated.

We hold our regular meetings on alternate Monday evenings. There is, perhaps, with us no occasion in college life more enjoyed than the fraternity meetings. After the regular order of business is disposed of, we exchange our views relating to any matters of interest to us, recount our experiences and successes, and inquire into each others records. Then some brother invites us to his spread, which always calls for a unanimous vote of thanks.

Among the honors which Alpha Taus have merited at the hands of their classmates and societies this term we may mention that our W. M., A. V. Patton, '01, is president of the senior class, also editor-in-chief of our college magazine; Bro. W. G. Makaffey, '02, is librarian and exchange editor of the *Eatonian*; Bro. S. E. Tull, '02, who last year won the honor of representing the University in the State intercollegiate oratorical association, is literary editor of the *Eatonian*; Bro. F. C. Flowers, '01, who is manager of Adams Hall, is also one of the local editors; Bros. L. D. Jones and A. W. Neal, whom we are glad to introduce to the fra.

ternity, were the successful contestants in the fall debate of the Apollonian Society.

Bro. J. T. Holt, frater in urbe, meets with us frequently, and adds enthusiasm to our sessions. Bros. J. F. Ray and A. V. Patton are two of the four contestants to compete for the honor of representing our school in the State Oratorical contest next year.

Our alumni are meeting with favorable success wherever they go. Bro. J. S. Pate, one of our most loyal members, is taking special work in Boston this year. W. E. HUNTER, Del.

TENN. ALPHA TAU.

For the past two years, Tenn. Alpha Tau has enjoyed fraternity life from two standpoints, (1) As members of a general fraternity with all of its obligations and interests; (2) As a local chapter, with all of its benefits, duties and pleasures, and has desired to attain as near as possible that perfection pointed out by the Worthy Grand Chief and our Prov. Chief, Bro. Bingham.

Means to an End.—Every man's presence required at the Saturday night meeting, attention and participation in the "Order of Business," systematic reading of the secret work and constitution. Every man subscribed for the PALM. Dues are paid regularly and promptly. We sought aid from the Province Chief, who always responded cheerfully and who made us a visit during the final term of last session. We were also honored by a visit from Bro. McCord who added enthusiasm to the entire chapter.

After the order of business is over, amusement is in order, and we try to make it so pleasant that each brother would rather be there than any other place. Refreshments add much to the occasion.

Results.—We have not reached anything like perfection yet, but we have grown in brotherly love. By coming in contact with Worthy Grand officers, the PALM and its correspondents, we trust that our whole fraternity life has been broadened. We have been greatly aided by our Province Chief Bro. Bingham.

For the past two years Tenn. Alpha Tau has had her share of honors in athletics, prizes, and representation on University magazine, having three men, the only fraternity men on the staff.

Since the meeting of last Congress we have initiated seven men. Each member owns a badge, some men two. The one absorbing question is, can we build a chapter house, and what further steps shall we take.

Tenn. Alpha Tau sends her best wishes to all the Worthy Grand officers and every other wearer of the Maltese cross.

G. B. HALL, Del.

TENN. BETA PI.

Since our last Congress, Beta Pi has endeavored to pursue the course which was begun by our predecessors, one of whom is our Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, Bro. R. E. Saner. Our initiates are chosen with manhood as the basis of selection, and the chapter naturally is very conservative in her actions. We have initiated since the last report thirteen men, three of whom were chosen this year.

Beta Pi though situated in a school of 800 enrollment, draws only from 300. The medical, dental and law departments of the university are in different parts of the city and, consequently, are rarely encroached upon by the fraternities.

The chapter house question is one that is now being agitated among us. We have come to see that it is almost a necessity to the maintaining of the former record of Beta Pi, and we hope to be able to report at the next Congress that our chapter is "living at home."

It is our custom to work over the secret work once a year. Part of it has been worked out this year.

In the session of '99-1900 A. T. O. took more than her share of the honors of the university as usual. Besides various honors of lesser note, the founder's medals of two departments, academic and theological, and the founder's medal in oratory were taken by members of Beta Pi.

It is a source of great pleasure that we have to affiliate with us, Bro. A. W. McCord, whom we feel now to be one of us much as any other whose name which appears on Beta Pi's rolls.

We sincerely hope and trust that our next and each succeeding biennial Congress will find our national organization of brotherly love more widely extended, and more firmly bound together in the principles on which we are founded.

CHAS. H. COBB, Del.

TEXAS GAMMA ETA.

Gamma Eta was established in November, 1897, and began her life under the most auspicious circumstances, in that we were received into the fraternal fellowship of the Greeks in the nine other fraternities in the university with a most kindly welcome.

Our foothold was being gained both surely and steadily, as the report of Bro. B. M. Allen, our New Orleans delegate, showed. A bief summary of our life since the New Orleans Congress will now fulfill the mission of this report.

Since the last Congress we have initiated seven men. Our chapter roll at the beginning of the session of 1900-1901 numbered seventeen, and we expect to initiate three or four good men after the holidays. The largest chapter roll that Gamma Eta has ever had was twenty-three.

We are in a public co-educational institution, with an enrollment of nearly 800, 552 of whom are males.

Our financial condition is good. Among the hardest students in the university are numbered Alpha Taus, and we make the boast that our social status among the student body and the citizens of Austin is most enviable. We have held at various times every office in the university, and this year hold the two offices most sought in college, namely, football manager and final ball president, aside from numerous class and athletic offices. Our men are all-round men, and take an interest in every phase of college life.

We are looking toward the opening of a chapter house, and trust in the near future to have a home in Austin where all the boys can be together.

Ever mindful of the debt of gratitude we owe Bros. Glazebrook, Marshall and Ross, who founded our noble order in the stormy days of unrest, for the pleasures of fraternalism we have enjoyed in the past, and for those of the present moment, Gamma Eta pledges to exert herself to the utmost toward the fulfillment of the end for which A. T. O. was founded and toward the dissemination of our principles.

ROSS T. PHILIPS, Del.

VT. BETA ZETA.

Since our last Congress, we have initiated seventeen men, three of whom have now left college.

Beta Zeta has had many difficulties to contend with during the last two years, the most important difficulty being financial. At the beginning of this year the chapter was rather heavily in debt, both to the general fraternity and others, but our men took the matter up with enthusiasm, and in less than three months collected over \$450, thereby leaving Beta Zeta entirely free from debt and placing the chapter upon a sound financial basis for the future.

Since our last Congress we have received our usual full share of college honors, and I think I may say that we occupy at least as high a position as any other fraternity in the University of Vermont.

Last year Vt. Beta Zeta began a series of Alpha Tau Omega

dances which have proved very successful, and have given us a social position that we might not otherwise have gained.

During the last two years we have been especially fortunate in getting desirable new men, and men who are worthy wearers of the Maltese cross.

Our prospects for the future are most promising.

F. P. WADLEIGH, Del.

VA. DELTA.

Va. Delta sends greeting to her sister chapter, and reports with pleasure her continued prosperity since the last Congress. At present we are striving for funds to erect a chapter house, realizing that the ideal fraternity life can only be enjoyed by a closer affiliation of the brothers. It seems strange that at the University of Virginia the chapter house has never met with favor, but we intend to be one of the pioneers in the field, and hope before long to possess a chapter house that will be worthy of our university and of the fraternity we there represent. Va. Delta has nothing further of moment to report, but she again greets her sister chapters and the loyal brothers assembled in Boston, and wishes them a jolly Congress.

JOHN ROBERTS BRIDE, Del.

CHICAGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The membership of the Chicago Alumni Association, like that of all similar organizations, is constantly changing. New men are continually arriving and old members occasionally depart, but whatever men at any particular time happen to make up our association, it is noticeable that the fraternity spirit always remains the same, in the shape of enthusiastic loyalty to Alpha Tau Omega.

While the Chicago brothers are located at great distances from one another and are all busy men, and it is usually quite inconvenient for them to get together, yet they keep up a lively interest in one another, and frequently exchange calls. On all occasions, their favorite topic is Alpha Tau Omega, her old associations and her best interests.

Occasional dinners bring the brothers together as a body, and no active chapter ever had a better time than we, when representatives from many chapters get together around the banquet table. Old times are talked over, and vital fraternity issues receive full discussion. The brothers, in the spirit of enthusiasm which prevails at such occasions, unanimously resolve to hold frequent meetings, but unfortunately, various causes combine to make this impractical in Chicago.

At the last dinner held at the Palmer House while few were present, much interest in the fraternity Congress developed, and the delegate requested an expression of opinion for his guidance at Congress. It met the general approval that extension work should be more carefully systematized. The fact was recognized that Alpha Tau is now old enough to handle this question with great care, and it was believed by the brothers in attendance that hereafter it would be wise not to grant a new charter until a local club had been formed by the petitioners, which had successfully existed for at least a year.

The association also thought it desirable that the general fraternity should provide in some safe and permanent structure a place for keeping valuable records, and that it should provide in some way a means of meeting its obligations in connection with chapter houses where needed.

The brothers also felt it imperative that a song-book should be published soon, and that provision should be made for a new edition of the fraternity catalogue, or a supplement to same, and the suggestion also met with approval that the alumni for a certain length of time should contribute a small amount to the support of the fraternity.

The subject of extension in and near Chicago has received much attention from the fraternity, and careful investigation has been made of several cases where extension was being considered, and at the present time this matter is receiving consideration, and at all times our Alumni Association is anxious to do its part for the fraternity's welfare.

It was further decided to extend a cordial invitation to the fraternity to hold its next Congress in Chicago.

LOUIS C. EHLE, Del.

AUGUSTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the fact that our association was not organized until about two months ago, this report is necessarily brief.

We have twenty-two members enrolled, including some of the prominent men of our city, each one of whom displays and maintains an active interest in the welfare and progress of our noble fraternity.

We hold a regular monthly meeting at the office of one of our brothers. However, we now have a movement on foot to procure and furnish a suite of rooms for general use and for entertaining visiting brothers.

There are no colleges with Greek letter societies in our city,

which leaves us a good field in which to investigate and report upon fraternity material in our vicinity. One of our by-laws provides that any alien leaving our neighborhood for college be discussed and acted upon in meeting, and that the result of such action be reported to the chapter at the institution he attends, for their guidance. We feel this is distinctively the province of our Alumni Association, deeming it equally as important to keep out the undesirable as to initiate the desirable men.

We pay the treasurer specified monthly dues and our financial condition is on a sound footing.

Despite our very recent organization, we feel glad to be represented in this Congress, and expect through its influence to increase the love and enthusiasm already existing among us.

H. ROSCOE PERKINS, Del.

ALLENTOWN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Our Association would respectfully report that during the past two years material progress has been made. The membership of the Association at present numbers forty-two, all of whom are in active connection with the Association.

The Association is incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, and is therefore able to do its own business and that of the chapter.

We share a beautiful chapter house with Pennsylvania Alpha Iota.

During the past two years the Association has aided the above-mentioned chapter to the extent of something over \$500.

With the hope that every Alpha Tau who happens to wander into the realm of the Pennsylvania Dutch, will not fail to mention the fact that he is a Tau—for that is everything in our town—I close this our report.

MAX S. ERDMAN, Del.

THE TENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF OHIO CHAPTERS.

The state conclave of the Ohio chapters of Alpha Tau Omega which took place at Mount Union College on February 22, is only a memory. There is no doubt that the diary of every Alpha Tau, fortunate enough to attend, contains an entry couched in words like these: February 22—"Annual Conclave A. T. O. One of the happiest times of my life. Shook hands with sixty brothers. Mt. Union brothers gave reception in afternoon. Very enjoyable. Delta Gamma—a sorority—entertained in evening. Ditto. Ban-

quet at ten. Full of fun. Decided success." Now a diary is a very unsatisfactory record. It does not begin to do a subject like the state conclave justice. So we may just as well arrange these facts in better form.

At 9:30 A. M. the conclave was called to order by Bro. Seebirt, of Alpha Nu. The reports from the chapters were unusually encouraging, for they showed conclusively that Alpha Tau in Ohio had flourished like the green bay tree during the fiscal year. All of the chapters represented were happy in the thought of the rapidly increasing prestige of our beloved fraternity in the Buckeye State. Bro. Rider, an alumnus of Alpha Nu, who is now attending Western Reserve, told us of the probable establishment of a chapter at that University—a charter has since been granted—and of the enthusiasm of the boys there. Bro. Shives also favored the brothers with his thoughts on the province system; but more particularly on the expansion policy. It is difficult to analyze emotions or feelings or to describe them in befitting words.

Every Alpha Tau, when he hears that his beloved fraternity is forging ahead of all others, and that it is reaching out, like spokes of a great wheel, to the growing West, feels within a certain indescribable enthusiasm and pride. If for no other reason than that a State conclave arouses these emotions, and by so doing brings brothers into closer union, it is of inestimable benefit. Some brothers are unable to attend the National Congress; why not make the conclave a substitute? No one can appreciate the worth of his fraternity until he has met brothers from other colleges. At this time a constitution of the Ohio chapters was drawn up and adopted, and hereafter the Ohio chapters will exist as a permanent organization. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Bro. C. B. Sayre, Beta Omega, President; Bro. G. M. Parsons, Beta Omega, Secretary and Treasurer; Bro. G. E. Allott, Beta Nu, First Vice-president; Bro. F. D. Crowl, Beta Mu, Second Vice-president; Bro. J. O. Simmons, Alpha Psi, Sentinel; Bro. Whitney, Beta Eta, Usher.

Bro. Sayre, in behalf of Beta Omega, invited the chapters to Columbus next year. The invitation was heartily accepted.

The informal reception at the beautiful home of the Scrantons in the afternoon, the party—in commemoration of George, the cherry-tree and the hatchet—given by a coterie of bright sorority girls, the Delta Gammas, and the sharpening of wits at the banquet, are all delightful recollections that will remain in the archives of the mind for days to come. Our Alpha Tau broth-

ers of Mt. Union—shall we say the Alpha Tau sisters?—have made the tenth convale a deserved success.

'Twas two o'clock before "good-nights" were said. *Tempus edax rerum est.* The host of Alpha Taus, who are Ohioans, extend thanks for delightful entertainment at Alpha Nu's hands and for the privilege of cementing still more closely the bonds of Alpha Tau Omega.

C. T. Anderson, W. S.

PERSONALS AND NEWS ITEMS.

ALA. BETA BETA.—Bro. Alonzo Abrams, who was with us at the opening of Fall term is keeping books for the firm of Northrup & Hanna, in this city, Bro. Abrams is an enterprising young man and has a bright future. Bro. Dow P. Slaughter, '99, is preaching in Mobile district, he also has charge of one of the Mobile district schools. Bro. Slaughter had an interesting visitor at his home a few days since in the person of a little Alpha Tau girl.

Bro. J. E. Northcut, '94, is professor in mathematics in Centenary College, Jackson, La.

ALA. ALPHA EPSILON.—While Congress was in session Bro. William J. Samford, Governor of Alabama, was suffering from a severe illness. We are pleased to learn that he has fully recovered from same.

Bro. J. S. Burke has accepted a very important position as civil engineer with the T. C. I. & R. R. Co.

GA. BETA IOTA.—Bro. Ward Leigh is with the Keystone Bridge Works, Pittsburg, Penna.

Bro. R. V. D. Corput is with the Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills, at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. P. R. Lamar is attending Cornell University, and is affiliated with Beta Theta chapter.

Bro. E. R. Whitney is with the General Electric Co., at Lynn, Mass.

ILL. GAMMA ZETA.—Bro. Charles W. Noble is now located at Beaufort, S. C., where he is following his profession of architect, and is engaged in construction work. He met with an accident at the Port Royal wharf, which dislocated an ankle.

Bro. Adam J. Strohm is librarian of the Armour Institute at Chicago.

ME. BETA UPSILON.—Bro. W. B. Thombs, ex. 1900, has returned to college after an absence of about two years.

Bro. Pretto, '99, passed the holidays in Orono. He is employed as draughtsman in Hyde Park, Mass.

The marriage of Bro. Frank E. Weymouth, '96, of Washington, D. C., and Miss Maud Lane took place Monday, Dec. 3, at 10 o'clock, in the parochial residence of Rev. Father Harrington of St. Mary's church, at Orono, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Father Harrington. Mr. Weymouth at present holds a responsible position under the government at Washington. The bride is one of the most popular young ladies of Orono, and the esteem in which the young couple is held was shown by the numerous wedding presents. After the ceremony a reception to relatives and friends was held at the home of James H. Ambrose, at the conclusion of which Mr. and Mrs. Weymouth left for Washington.

MICH. ALPHA MU.—Bro. R. C. Wise has been re-elected vice president of the Chicago Northern District of the Epworth League. He has taken a prominent part in this work in his district.

MICH. BETA KAPPA.—Bro. R. K. Griffith is connected with the Mumsing State Bank since his graduation from Valparaiso.

Bro. J. R. Armstrong has resigned his position in Mt. Clemens's city schools to accept a more lucrative position in Chicago.

Bro. L. C. Wright has returned from Montana mining districts and has opened the coal house formerly occupied by Washburn Co.

Bro. R. J. Hill is connected as mechanical engineer and salesman with the Prescott Co., manufacturers of mining pumps, of Milwaukee, Wis. He has territory in Colorado and visits all the rich gold mines of the Cripple Creek district, as well as the silver and copper mines in other parts of the state.

Bro. Frank M. Falconer, who was Beta Kappa's delegate to the Nashville Congress, died at his home in Jamestown, N. Y., on Jan. 12th, 1901. He had been suffering from typhoid fever since early last fall. He leaves a wife to whom he was married in 1896. A finer fellow and truer Alpha Tau never lived.

N. C. ALPHA ETA.—Bro. R. W. Bingham has removed his law offices to Kentucky Title Building, Louisville, Ky.

N. C. XI.—Bro. F. M. Simmons is U. S. Senator from North Carolina.

N. Y. ALPHA OMICRON.—Bro. W. J. Woods is practicing law at No. 35 Nassau St., New York, in partnership with Thomas G. Barnes, under the firm name of Woods & Barnes.

N. Y. BETA THETA.—Bro. J. Du Pratt White, who is practicing law with offices at No. 31 Nassau St., New York City, was one of the commissioners appointed jointly by the governors of New York and New Jersey for the purpose of arranging for the preservation of the Palisades, which were being disfigured and destroyed by blasting operations. The commission has been very successful in its efforts. The *Sun* and the *Herald* of Dec. 29th last, commend the commission for their splendid work, and the latter contains portraits of the members of the commission.

Bro. James Wright MacNider is practicing medicine in New York City, after a very complete preparatory course, with offices at No. 64 W. 56th St.

Bro. J. E. Rutzler is in the business of manufacturing steam and water heating apparatus at No. 178 Centre Street, New York City.

Bro. Edwin Yawger, who was Beta Theta's delegate to the Richmond Congress, is in charge of the office of the Westinghouse company in Pittsburg, Pa.

Bro. Harold M. Bush has left the Ohio Pipe Works, with whom he was associated for several years, but is still located at Columbus, O. He attended the Boston Congress. Bro. Bush has always been interested in military matters, and enlisted in the Spanish war. He is now captain in command of Light Battery H, Ohio National Guard.

Bro. Walter S. Dole, C. E. '92, is engineer for the Waialua Agricultural Co., a new plantation company of the Hawaiian Islands, with a capital of \$4,500,000, and has charge of its railway construction, irrigation ditches, etc. The company has 24 miles of railway in operation, and expects to build eleven more, and Bro. Dole is kept extremely busy with all kinds of engineering work, and, incidentally manages to have some pretty good hunting and some rather exciting adventures. Mrs. Dole is in California, having been unable to stand the Island climate. Their little boy met with a fatal accident shortly after arriving in Honolulu. Bro. Dole's address is Waialua, Oahu, H. I.

Bro. Samuel Byrod Fortenbaugh and Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hatton Cowden, were married at the Pine Street Presbyterian Church at Harrisburg, Pa., on Thursday evening, Jan. 10th, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Fortenbaugh are at home at the Knowle, Egerton Road, Ashton on Ribble, Preston, England.

O. BETA ETA.—Bro. Will R. Bass is practicing law in Cincinnati, O., with offices in the Blymer Building.

TENN. BETA PI.—Bro. J. F. McKenzie, '92, has recently been elected County Judge of Pecos County, Texas. His address is Fort Stockton, Tex.

TEX. GAMMA EPSILON.—Bro. William Ashton Vinson and Miss Ethel Turner were married at the First Presbyterian Church of Sherman, Texas, on Wednesday evening, December 19th, 1901.

O. BETA MU.—Bro. Frank C. Colvin is a Presbyterian clergyman at Cassopolis, Mich.

Bro. Clyde B. Kenty arranged a "smoker" for the evening of Feb. 1st, last, at No. 65 Hammond St., Cambridge, Mass., which is his address. The "smoker" habit seems to be decidedly contagious, and we have no doubt that this occasion was a howling success.

The following is from the *Wooster Daily Republican* of Dec. 6, 1900:

"Alpha Tau Omega on Wednesday evening delightfully entertained with one of the most elaborate dinner-parties the fraternity world of Wooster has seen for many a day.

"The fraternity hall, with its festoons of old gold and sky blue, the Alpha Tau emblems, and black and gold, the University colors, never looked more inviting or hospitable. Here and there about the walls were arrayed the fraternity and college banners, overlooking the spreading palms and fragrant flowers. Suspended from the ceiling was a huge ball of white and yellow chrysanthemums from the greenhouse of Geo. Kingsley. Indeed there were flowers, palms and smilax everywhere.

"The nine tables, each of which was just large enough for four, with their snowy damask, delicate china, embroidered doilies and flowers, only served to make the scene of greater beauty. Promptly at seven, the guests sat down to an exquisite repast. The artistic menu, printed in gold and soft blue, was strikingly unique with its poem of welcome signed by every member of the active chapter—

To every friend of Blue and Gold,
In word so true, in deed so bold,
To thee we dedicate this rhyme.
Mute symbols bid thee all to dine
Alpha Tau.

"During the dinner, the Lloyd-Karlben orchestra, from the speaker's stand, dispensed appropriate music which blended harmoniously with the merry babble of voices."

O. ALPHA NU.—Year by year, the editor of the PALM has been furnished by Bro. John H. Vincent, our former Worthy Grand Chaplain, Bishop of the Methodist church, and successful founder and promoter of the Chatauqua work, with an attractive and convenient calendar, sent out with Christmas greetings. This year it came from far-away Zurich, Switzerland. Our thanks and best wishes go to our kind and distinguished brother for this kindly remembrance.

Miss Gertrude Russel and Bro. C. O. Scranton were married at Alliance on Oct. 4th, 1900. After an extended Southern tour they are at home at Alliance, O.

Bro. Jesse Mills, '89, is practicing law in Alliance.

O. BETA OMEGA.—Bro. John S. Bogges is now in the Marine hospital service, Middle Atlantic District, Port of Philadelphia, Pa.

Bro. H. S. Carr, M. E., E. E., is assistant professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Kansas, at Lawrence. The following clipping referring to him is from the Lawrence *Daily Journal* of Jan. 16, 1901: "Mr. Hugh S. Carr, instructor in electrical engineering, has twice this year been offered a position with the Fort Wayne Electric Manufacturing company at Fort Wayne, Ind. This company is controlled by the General Electric company of New York, which is the largest in the world. The salary offered to Mr. Carr is fully double that which he is receiving here. Mr. Carr's reputation as a designer of heavy electrical apparatus, is very high among the eastern electrical companies. He was formerly associated with the Bullock Electrical Manufacturing Co. of Cincinnati and the Warren Electric Co. For this latter company he designed the large induction machines, several of which are now being installed at the Armour Packing plant at Kansas City. Mr. Carr's practical experience and ability is of very great value to the University and his success and popularity with the students of the electrical engineering course would make his loss to the University a serious one."

PA. ALPHA UPSILON.—Bro. E. S. Stalnaker is employed under the engineer of tests of the B. & O. R. R. Co. at Mt. Clare, Baltimore, Md.

PA. TAU.—Bro. Henry D. Jump, who was Pa. Tau's delegate to the Washington Congress, is practicing medicine in Philadelphia. His address is 4634 Chester Ave., Philadelphia. He has always been a devoted worker for his fraternity at the University of Pennsylvania.

PA ALPHA IOTA,—Augustana College has conferred upon our beloved Professor and Bro., Philip Dowell, who occupies the chair of natural and applied science, the degree of Ph. D.

Bro. Max S. Erdman, Allentown, Pa., only son of ex-Congressman and Mrs. C. J. Erdman, was married to Miss Clara S. Biery, of Shamrock, Pa. The only attendants of the couple were the bridegroom's mother and the parents of the bride, owing to the illness of the groom's father. Their wedding tour included New York, Savannah and the Everglades. Bro. Erdman is a graduate of Muhlenberg College, '94, afterward becoming private secretary to his father, in the meantime attending law lectures at Georgetown University. He was admitted to the Lehigh County bar in 1897, where we think a bright future awaits him.

Bro. Jonas O. Henry occupied the pulpit of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa., during the illness of its pastor. Bro. Henry is a middler at the Lutheran Theo. Sem., Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa., was the scene of a quiet wedding a short time ago, when Bro. Jeremiah Schindel and Miss Jessie A. Hausman were united in marriage by the pastor, Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass. Bro. Schindel is a graduate of Muhlenberg College, '96, and of Mt. Airy Theo. Sem., '99. After his ordination as a minister he accepted a call as assistant to his father, Dr. Schindel, who is the pastor of five charges centered around Coplay, Pa.

Bro. Rev. M. J. Bieber, Binghampton, N. Y., was elected corresponding secretary of the the State Luther League of N. Y., at a recent meeting of the league at Utica. He is also president of the Broome County Sunday School Association.

PA. ALPHA PI.—Bro. M. G. Montgomery, 1904, is first bass in the W. & J. Glee Club, and also plays the guitar in the Banjo and Mandolin Clubs.

TENN. BETA TAU.—At the opening of the Jackson, Tenn., street fair, held during October, 1900, there was a flower parade, in which all the secret societies and the fraternal organizations were represented. Beta Tau appeared in a tastefully decorated tally-ho, and was very well received as the following press notice attests: "One of the most attractive carriages in the parade was the one carrying the Tennessee Beta Tau Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, located at the S. W. B. U. It was tastefully decorated in old gold and sky blue, the fraternity colors, and was greeted on all sides with cheers. It is composed of

some of the best men of the University, several of whom are seniors. Their presence was made known by the frequent repetition of 'Hip, Hurrah! Hip, Hurrah! Three cheers for Alpha Tau. Rah! Rah! Rah!'"

VT. BETA ZETA.—Bro. A. J. Grout, Ph. B, '90, Ph. D. (Columbia), '97, is teaching Biology in the Boys' High School at Brooklyn, N. Y., and is the author of "Mosses with a Hand Lens," an illustrated book of 74 pages. His address is 360 Lennox Road, Flatbush, L. I.

A pleasant occasion of the 17th Congress was the gathering about the festal board on Wednesday evening of the brothers of Beta Zeta who were in attendance at the Congress. The host of the occasion was Bro. Nathan F. Merrill, and the affair took place in the small banquet hall at Young's hotel. Seven courses were served and, after doing justice to the more material part of the entertainment, brief informal remarks were offered by the various brothers, adjournment being taken directly to the smoker at the Savoy. The brothers in attendance were Dr. A. P. Lowell, '95; C. E. Allen, '96; N. D. Blake, '96; A. B. Stetson, '97; W. J. Sayward, '97; Russell W. Taft, '98; Dr. A. F. Lowell, '98; R. B. Morton, '99; J. A. Chase, '99; L. C. Abbott, '00; R. H. Tryon, ex-'01; H. G. Tupper, ex-'01; C. W. Kellogg, ex-'02; G. W. Hicks, ex-'03; S. R. Carpenter, '01; G. S. Brand, '01; F. P. Wadleigh, '01; H. H. Marsh, '02; L. H. Merrihew, '02; D. C. Simonds, '03; N. D. Beach, '03; J. H. Eaton, '03; C. A. Riley, '03; C. R. Hutchinson, '03; R. S. Soule, '04; A. L. Williams, '04; L. M. Phelps, '04; Professor Frederick Tupper, Jr., S. C. Beta Xi, '90, head of the department of English at Vermont, and Bro. M. P. Brawley, voting delegate of S. C. Beta Xi, who admitted that his idea that the Northern brothers of the fraternity were a chilly and unsympathetic lot was erroneous.

Bro. Guy W. Bailey, 1900, is with the Bailey Granite Co., at Essex Junction, Vt.

VA. ALPHA.—The popularity of our founder, Bro. Otis A. Glazebrook, is again attested by the desire of the people of Elizabeth to make him mayor. The *Daily Leader* of that place of Jan. 19th last said: "The most fitting man to succeed Mayor Mack in the executive chair of this city would be the Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook, a citizen with the broadest views. Dr. Glazebrook would adorn any station in life, and Elizabeth would be peculiarly honored by his occupancy of the executive chair. He is a second Dr. Mack, so far as goodness of heart goes, and no one knows him but to love him." Said a prominent citizen this

morning to a number of friends; "If Dr. Glazebrook could be prevailed upon to accept the office, he ought to be nominated for the place by both political parties. All good citizens would be delighted to vote for him. He would serve the people as Dr. Mack served them, and no abler or better man can be found for the vacant place. There should be no political preferences in selecting a mayor. We want the best man among us, and that man is Rev. Dr. Glazebrook, whose election I hope to see made by the people who are most interested," In its issue of Jan. 22nd the *Leader* says, after mentioning the favorable reception given its suggestion of Dr. Glazebrook's name: "Dr. Glazebrook has been in our midst for nearly twenty years, and has sufficient knowledge of our people and their interests to make the best kind of an executive. That he would fill the place with the greatest credit to himself and honor to our people, goes without saying." If our brother sees fit to respond to this call, he will have with him the best wishes of every Alpha Tau, and the hope that in Elizabeth he may gain as great success, politically, as Bro. Hayes in Baltimore.

VA. DELTA.—Bro. James B. Green, Worthy High Chancellor, has announced a special summer course of forty-eight lectures on evidence, equity and negotiable paper, during the eight weeks beginning with the first Monday of July, 1901. Any part of the course may be taken.

Bro. A. Cecil Herbert is studying medicine in Richmond, Va.

Bro. Wm. Emmet Irvin is private secretary of the attorney general, Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. Thos. J. O'Reilly is studying medicine at the University of Southern California.

Bro. Cotesworth Pinckney is practicing law in Richmond, Va.

Bro. Wm. Leven Powell, M. D. 1900, is physician at the Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia Pa.

Bro. Pembroke W. Reed is teaching at a school in Boise, Idaho.

The following clipping, from a Norfolk paper, relates to the lamented death of Bro. Edward V. Newton, '76:

"The many friends of Dr. Edward Valentine Newton, one of the city coroners, and son of Mr. George Newton, of this city, departed this life at his home, No. 461 Freemason street, at 8:15 o'clock a. m. yesterday, after a lingering illness. The flag over the city hall was at half-mast yesterday in respect to his memory. Dr. Newton was appointed coroner for the city of Norfolk

by Governor Wm. E. Cameron in the year 1888, and in the 108th year of the Commonwealth of Virginia, which position he has filled ever since with honor to himself and credit to the city. He was a gentleman of genial, social qualities, and made warm friends of all with whom he was associated. The funeral will be private from the residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon."

Bro. Howard Shield, '89, and Miss Fannie Leigh, both of Norfolk, Va., were married at St. Paul's Episcopal church in that city on Nov. 21, 1900. They will reside in Norfolk, where both are prominent in social circles. Bros. W. H. T. Loyall and Walter H. Taylor, also of this chapter, were ushers at the wedding.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

YOU must have a letter in *each* number of the PALM, or the \$5 fine provided by congress for failure to do so will be strictly enforced. It should contain all the news, but must be condensed as much as possible on account of the large number of chapters.

It is expected that No. 3, Vol. XXI, will appear in the month of May, and chapter letters should reach the editor by the 12th. If these dates are changed, due notice will be given chapters.

Punctuate carefully and write plainly. Be very particular about making the spelling of names legible.

Send in all the personals and clippings you can, *separate from your chapter letter.*

Follow the form of the heading of letters as they appear in the PALM, giving merely the name of chapter, college and town. Dates and all other superfluous matter should be omitted. An observance of this rule will save the editor much time.

Owing to the large number of chapters, chapter letters must not exceed 500 words. Bear this in mind. Never write on both sides of the sheet for publication.

See that your chapter's PALM dues are paid promptly *in advance* for each active member. Every active member *must* sub-

scribe for the PALM. *This requirement must be strictly complied with.*

Be a little careful about the use of superlatives and general boastfulness. Be enthusiastic but not bombastic. Your fraternity is the best there is, and she does not need constant strained panegyrics.

(Owing to the large amount of other matter which must appear in the Congress number, the editor has gone to the trouble of condensing the chapter letters, retaining only items of interest in the briefest form possible.)

ALA. ALPHA EPSILON.—Bro. Thomas R. Mathews is our latest initiate. Bro. A. C. Harmon has left college. Bro. Holland M. Smith succeeds him as correspondent. We neglected to mention the initiation of Bro. Will Hudmon Cooper, of Opelika, Ala., in our last letter.

ALA. BETA BETA.—Our Congress delegates, Bros. M. N. Carpenter and A. C. Davis, have made enthusiastic reports of Congress and Boston. Our initiates are now required to commit and recite the oath at the second regular meeting after initiation. Bros. F. E. Chapman and Pierce Chilton are on for Joint Ladies Debate, and Bro. R. E. Ledbeater is orator for that occasion. Bro. F. H. Bryant is Ladies' Debater. Bros. D. E. Shoaff and T. M. Purcell are anniversary debaters from Clariosophic and Belles Lettres societies, respectively. Bro. M. N. Carpenter is essayist for Ladies Debate. Bro. C. L. Chilton, Jr., is commencement orator from Clariosophic Society in contest for orator's medal. Our classroom record is excellent. With two exceptions, all of our men are on the honor rolls. Bros. W. M. McGehee, F. E. Chapman, D. E. Shoaff and C. L. Chilton, Jr., are four of the seven first honor fraternity men. Bro. F. E. Chapman is left tackle and Bro. W. M. McGehee right guard in the football team. Bro. Carroll Steele is with us again. Bros. A. W. McCord, of Nashville, F. S. McCord, of Selma, Ala., and John Rush, also from Selma, visited us recently. We are making arrangements for our annual commencement banquet and alumni reunion.

ALA. BETA DELTA.—Unpopular military discipline led to a "rebellion" in our college in December. President Powers and Commandant West were drenched with buckets of water and pelted with coal after their quarters had been bombarded with fire works. A court of inquiry failed to get desired information. The authori-

ties were powerless and the students firm. The students later preferred charges of incompetency and partiality against the president and commandant before the trustees. While these were dismissed as frivolous, these officers resigned, and the students were later exonerated, and a new commandant has been appointed, and a new president, salary \$5,000, is being looked for. All is now serene. Bro. Drennen, our delegate, was delighted with Boston Congress. We have initiated Bro. W. D. Terry, of Terry, Miss. We have arranged for two germans.

CAL. GAMMA IOTA.—We have initiated Bro. F. E. Talmage, 1903. Bros. Plumb and Talmage will try for the baseball team. We expect to have a strong team in the interfraternity series of baseball games. Bros. Peck, Quinan, Powers and Palmer are engaged in settlement work at West Berkeley. We regret our inability to attend Congress, and anxiously await full reports of same.

GA. ALPHA ZETA.—We are only five in number, but all are filled with the true A. T. O. spirit. We are holding our place in Mercer as regards honors, literary, social and athletic, and are hopeful for the future.

GA. ALPHA BETA.—We have initiated Bro. Bernard McHugh Cline, 1904. He was graduated at Middle Georgia Military College as captain Co. B. Bro. McCalla is doing excellent work in left field on the nine.

GA. ALPHA THETA.—Preparations for our annual reception and commencement house party are rapidly being made. Bro. Freeman, an Alumnus, practicing law at Newnan, Ga., has kindly remembered our chapter with a very attractive painting, which adds considerably to the attractiveness of our hall. All of the brothers are deeply interested in Congress reports.

GA. BETA IOTA.—We have initiated Bros. V. M. Cooper, of Norwood, Ga., and D. L. Shofield, of Macon, Ca., making our number seventeen. Bro. J. A. Mandeville left college lately, but expects to return in the fall. Bro. Cole is president of the Athletic association. Bro. West is president of the Middle Textile Class. Bro. Merry is manager of this year's baseball team. Bro. Hudson is captain of next year's football team, and Bro. Cole is chairman of the Dramatic Committee. Miss Willie Russell Law, of Atlanta, one of our most loyal sisters, has presented us with a beautisul sofa pillow. We have many loyal sisters at Agnes Scott Institute and Cox College.

ILL. GAMMA ZETA.—Since last PALM we have initiated Bros. Wright, Schneck, Martin, Wilson, Kaufman and Deem. Bro. Wright has since left to take charge of the Greenville *Sun*. Bros. Strawn and Hoag, of Chicago, have visited us lately. The former expects to return for post graduate work in the spring. Bro. Bush, of N. Y. Beta Theta, visited us in December. We enjoy our chapter house very much.

IND. GAMMA GAMMA.—We have four men pledged and ready to initiate and another "on the string." Our prospects for a chapter house are growing brighter, and arrangements are practically completed for some of us to move into the house about May 1st, and all of us expect to be in it next fall.

LA. BETA EPSILON.—The Alpha Tau girls were belles of the Carnival season. The marriage of Bro. R. E. De Buys, '96, to one of them, Miss Corinne von Meysenberg, was one of the social events of the winter. Tulane won every football game played, making a total score of 105 to 0. Bro. John Lombard has been elected president of the Tulane Athletic Association. The plans of the new library building, the gift of Mrs. F. W. Tilton, have been submitted, and the board of administration is also arranging for the erection of a dormitory. We have initiated Bro. Gerald O'Connor. Bro. Richard Eustis has left college to engage in commercial pursuits.

MASS. GAMMA BETA.—Congress was a red-letter affair with us. Our delegate to the New Orleans Congress has never cooled in his enthusiasm over that event, and now we have all had a Congress and feel just as enthusiastic as he. We have initiated the following brothers: Guy Ellwood Marion, '03, of Woburn, Mass.; Elmer E. Colcord, '04, of So. Franklin, Vt.; James Henry Hood, '04, of Franklin, Mass., and George Alfred Lowe, Jr., '04, of Rockport, Mass. We have two more pledged men. Jan. 23rd we gave a military whist at our house. Most of the ladies present were "co-eds." We had a most enjoyable time, and will arrange another soon.

ME. GAMMA ALPHA.—Bro. Warren, 1903, left college this term, but is studying law in town. Bro. Bakeman is one of Colby's representatives in the intercollegiate debate, also a member of the basket-ball team, and is appointed to the Senior Exhibition. Bro. Withee is editor of the *Oracle*, the college annual. Bro. Larsson, 1902, is a member of the college orchestra and guitar club. We have removed from our chapter hall on Main street

temporarily. All of us who attended Congress were greatly inspired.

ME. BETA UPSILON.—Our initiates are Paul L. Bean, '03, Saco, Me.; Jas. H. Sawyer, '03, Saco, Me.; A. E. Chace, '03, New York City; A. D. Case, '03, Lynn, Mass.; Charles I. Day, '03, Damariscotta, Me.; Leonard O. Hopkins, '03, So. Framingham, Mass.; R. L. Turner, '03, Boothby Harbor, Me.; E. R. Holmes, '03, Eastport, Me.; Karl B. Porter, Oldtown, Me.; Leslie S. Johnstone, '03, Milford, Me. Many of our brothers attended Congress and were greatly pleased with same.

MICH. BETA KAPPA.—We are strong in our alumni, many of whom occupy the highest positions in our city, officially and in a business way. Bros. Depew and Taylor are engaged in tutoring. Our chapter stands high in college work. In the recent senior election, we were favored with six places on the class day program, including class president. Bro. Mitchell, our delegate, brings a very favorable report of Congress.

MICH. BETA OMICRON.—We have broken ground for our new \$3,000 lodge, the site being at the southeast corner, the most pleasant spot on the campus. It is to be completed by June 1, 1901. Many of our alumni are expected to be present at the dedication. We have three new initiates, Bros. Rose, Hartwell and Allen, and have pledged Wade, Green and H. Glen Holmes, of the class of 1904. Bro. Jay Sexton leads our team in the debate with Allegheny College. Bros. Marshall, Hill, Widrig and Grosenbaugh did excellent work on the football team, only one game being lost during the season. We have provided for a fraternity pin for each initiate at the initiation. Bro. Sleight, our delegate, had a most enjoyable time at the Boston Congress, and returned with many suggestions.

MICH. ALPHA MU.—We have initiated only two men, but expect soon to initiate James E. Harris of Mt. Clemens, Mich. We have lost a strong worker in Bro. Homer F. Swift, who did not return this term. This makes us a chapter of nine, with one pledged man. We celebrated the return of our Congress delegate with a banquet, a number of alumni being present.

N. C. ALPHA DELTA.—We have initiated Bro. J. R. Giles, 1903, who led his class last term. Bro. J. C. McRae played half-back and Bro. Phifer, guard, on the football team. Bro. T. C. Worth is manager of the baseball team. Among our alumni in urbe, who give us much support, are Bro. J. C. McRae, R. S. McRae, and Bros. Curtis and Pratt, of the geological survey.

The chapter house is being refitted. Our chapter roll is the largest we have had in ten years, and we have several new men in view, and will lose few by graduation. Our prospects are very bright, after a very hard struggle.

N. Y. ALPHA OMICRON.—We now have a chapter of twenty-three. This year's initiates are: Bros. George J. McDonald and Francis L. Perkins, of Colton, N. Y.; Bros. Byron Stevenson and Channing Farmer, of Canton, N. Y.; Bros. Earl J. Cummings and Luke Cummings, of Norwood, N. Y.; Bro. Chester A. Baltz, of LaFargeville, N. Y., and Bro. Chas. H. Alexander, of Stamford, Conn. Bro. Irving Bacheller spent several weeks of December and January in Canton during the illness of his mother, which terminated fatally. She is known to the world as the "Elizabeth Brower" of his famous work, "Eben Holden," a character portrayed with much depth of feeling and sympathy. Five members of our active chapter and seven alumni attended the Boston Congress. We feel gratified at the adoption of our call, the selection of one of our brothers on the High Council and another as orator for next Congress. Our brothers showed up well in the mid-year examinations, and we expect a goodly share of Phi Beta Kappa honors in June.

N. Y. ALPHA LAMBDA.—We have to introduce the following new brothers; F. L. Wells, '03; W. A. Shenkowitz, '03; O. Pullick, Jr., '03; C. M. Heck, '03; G. Mersereau, '03, and F. Blakey, '02. We were represented at Congress by Bros. Fall, Hopkins, Phillips, Batchelder and Wells. All brought back the most enthusiastic reports. Bros. Phillips and Provincial Chief Jones entertained the chapter with an informal smoker on the evening of January 14th, and Bro. Wells extended us the use of his commodious apartments for our last initiation, and afterward entertained us informally. On the evening of January 25th, the chapter joined with the New York Alumni Association in its annual banquet. It was a thoroughly delightful affair, and we desire to take this occasion of thanking Bro. Thompson, President of the Association, for the delightful manner in which he presided, and for his large contribution toward the success of the banquet.

N. Y. BETA THETA.—We are now settled in our new house, of which cuts appeared in last PALM. The second week in February corresponded to our house-warming. We entertained fifteen guests, giving a dance in the house on February 7th. Since last PALM, we have initiated three new men, Bro. George D. Kennedy, '04, of Buffalo, N. Y., Bro. H. Yorke Parker, '02, of Ithaca, N. Y.,

and Bro. Frederick G. Ransom, '04, of Buffalo, N. Y. Bro. Keleran, who left college two years ago, has returned to finish his course in law. Our active membership is twenty-four. Bro. Robbins has started training in his old position of stroke of the 'varsity crew. Bro. C. W. Bergen, 1900, has a good position with the New York Central in New York City. Bro. E. A. Miller, '99, who is teaching in Scranton, Pa., spent several days with us about Christmas. Bro. Fortenbaugh, 1900, was married on January 10th to Miss Florence Halton Cowden, at Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Fortenbaugh visited Ithaca, and later sailed for Preston, Eng., where Bro. Fortenbaugh is engaged in business.

O. ALPHA PSI.—We have held several receptions at our rooms, which have been very popular. Bro. Rugh, '01, is captain of the baseball team; Bro. Scherer, '05, is captain of the second football team; Bro. Meloy, '02, is member of the Advisory Board, and Bro. Elder, '03, is property holder. These are four of twelve positions lately filled by the college athletic association, leaving three for the barbs and five for the other three fraternities here. Bros. Rugh, '01, Laughbawm, '01, and Largent, '02, are members of the college octette. Bro. Largent is also an associate editor of the *Wittenberger*. Bro. Hummond, '97, is now a student in the Theological Seminary, and lost heavily in the fire of Dec. 28, 1900. We have initiated Bro. Harold Kapp, of Richmond, Ind., of the Junior class, who came from Earlham and was rushed by all the fraternities here. Bro. Rugh is president of the Senior class; Bro. Simon, ivy orator; Bro. Scheese, pipe of peace orator, and Bro. Laughbaum, treasurer. Bro. Meloy entertained the active chapter and pledge men at his home Friday evening, January 18. Wednesday night, January 30 the brothers and lady friends enjoyed a sleigh ride, having been invited to the beautiful country home of Bro. Elder, ten miles from the college.

O. BETA MU.—We have made the first move toward a chapter house. We have rented a house, with the exception of a few rooms on the first floor, but still retain our hall. We hope soon to leave it and take full possession of the house. We have twelve active brothers, having initiated since our last report Bros. Allen J. Robinson, of Cleveland, O., Clarence Henry Schwenke, of Logan, O., and Alfred Lee Wilcox, of Greenfield, O. We have lost Bro. Turner, who has gone to a New York business college. On account of scarlet fever, the University was closed from February 5th to February 19th. The State oratorical contest was held here the night of February 21st. We have been visited by Bro. Kitridge, of Dayton, O., of Indiana Gamma Gamma, and Bro.

Swift, of Alpha Mu. Bro. Earl B. Plank, a city brother, has left us to accept a lucrative position in Pittsburg. Bro. Earnest Weld holds the medal as champion tennis player of the University, having defeated all rivals.

O. BETA ETA.—We began the year with three Seniors, which was a severe handicap. Now we have eight members and four pledged men. The new brothers are Grady, Whitney, Brayton, Hammond and Thompson. Bro. Tolerton's report of the Boston Congress has aroused much enthusiasm, and we have all determined to attend the next Congress, if possible. Bro. Callin is captain in the cadets.

O. BETA OMEGA.—Our chapter has been very prosperous and successful this year. We have a brother on the mandolin and guitar club, and Bro. Kittie has been elected captain of the football team. We have initiated seven good men this year. We held a smoker in January, which was attended by all the active chapter and many alumni. It was so much enjoyed that we have decided to hold smokers at regular intervals hereafter. The Boston brothers entertained Congress splendidly.

PA. ALPHA UPSILON.—We have initiated Bros. Adams, '04 Rinard, '03, and J. Diehl, '03. Bro. W. W. Hartman, 1903, has returned to college, and will spend several years here preparatory to a law course at Cornell. We have refitted our pool table and the brothers are actively practicing for our annual tournament. Bro. George W. Dress, 1900, formerly assistant chemist in the offices of the Pennsylvania Iron and Steel Co., of Steelton, has been promoted to the position of metallographist, with complete control of his department. Bro. Harry Jones, M. D., 1900, formerly of Jefferson, Pa., has removed to York.

PA. ALPHA IOTA.—The chapter recently tendered a successful euchre party to its friends, for which the house was beautifully decorated, and which was followed by dancing. We now have twenty-one brothers, and expect to add three or four. We will lose six by graduation. Bro. Geiger has been elected captain of the football team. Our parlor was damaged by the bursting of a water pipe, but we have had it renovated and overhauled so that it is now more attractive than ever. As usual, we were splendidly assisted by the alumni association. We are represented on the basketball team by Bros. Miller, '02, and Geiger, '02, while Bro. Walborn is a substitute. Our Congress representatives have brought back glowing reports from Boston. In our inter-society debate, we will be represented by Bros. Shimer,

1991, and Moyer, 1902, for Sophronia, and Bro. Freed, 1902, for Enterpea, while Bro. Benner, 1901, is alternate for Enterpea.

PENNA. TAU.—We are steadily advancing the plans outlined at Congress. On account of the midwinter examinations, we have not been able to accomplish much, but after they are over, expect to begin an active campaign. Bro. Rugh arranged a banquet for the Philadelphia brothers on Nov. 15th, at the Hotel Lafayette. Those present were Bros. J. T. Rugh, N. Wiley Thomas, Clifford C. Marshall, G. B. Fuller, E. H. Porter, C. F. Vasey, H. C. Mundhenk, Fred G. Thorn, Jr., G. G. Faust, Heston Bates, L. A. Ruhl, J. Wyllis Hassler, R. K. Hartzell, Fred A. Fetherolf, G. R. Deisher, J. O. Henry, Frank N. D. Buchman, George Edward Thomas, John S. Boggess, John R. Forst, and Raymond Tunnell. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

PENNA. ALPHA PI.—Our brothers are connected with every department of college events, and occupy positions which the other fraternities, with all their years of experience, could not obtain. Among our twelve members are four class presidents, a class captain, two presidents of our literary societies, three junior orators, the business manager and editor of *Pandora*, the junior annual, two editors of the college paper, two members of the track team, one captain and three players on our basket-ball teams, and two Varsity halfbacks. All of the fraternities here, as well as the "barbarians" are well disposed towards us. We are planning to occupy a house next fall. We are in close communication with the Pittsburg Alumni Association, and expect to entertain its members frequently.

R. I. GAMMA DELTA.—Almost the entire chapter attended Congress, a total of twenty-five. We enjoyed it thoroughly and are all enthusiastic. The smoker, banquet and ball lead us to plan for Chicago Congress, while several intend to attend the Mew York smoker. We have held two fraternity socials, or dances, at which the men are all Alpha Taus. They have proved such a success, that we intend giving them more frequently. Our whist club is one of the college leaders. Fourteen brothers belong, and meetings are held every two weeks at the homes of the young lady members. After the card games, dancing, or some other amusement follows. We have given special attention to the secret work. Bro. R. C. Thompson, a member of the Junior class, has already been offered a position in the anatomy department for next year, an unusual honor. This will give us five men on the faculty. Bro. P. F. Clark is a member of the Brown Glee Club; Bros. J. F. Malmstead and H. J. White are in the

Symphony; Bro. White is leader of the Glee Club, and has been elected one of the marshals for class day; Bros. Malmstead and L. A. Drury will play in the college whist tournament. Two brothers won this event last year. Bro. W. H. Tobey captained the Sophomore football team. Bro. H. S. Pratt has returned to college. We were pleased to be visited by Bro. Merrill, of Vt. Beta Zeta, shortly after Congress.

S. C. BETA XI.—We have initiated Bros. George W. McIver 1901, and E. S. Hayne, 1903. Several of our alumni were present at the initiation ceremonies, which was followed by a "blow-out." The chapter held a smoker after the Christmas holidays. Bro. Brawley was greatly pleased with Congress, and made a most satisfactory report of same. Our german, given at South Carolina Hall, was the greatest event in the history of S. C. Beta Xi. Thirty-five couples participated under the leadership of Bro. S. McG. Benet. The ladies honored us by wearing the blue and gold, making a very pretty harmony with the decorations. Among the alumni present were Bro. Harrison Randolph, president of our college, and Bro. W. W. Memminger, of Tenn. Omega, who has left the stage and gone into business in this city. Music was furnished by the First Artillery Band, U. S. A. At supper all stood and drank a toast to Alpha Tau Omega, proposed by Bro. A. R. Young, of Tenn. Omega. The chapter gave another smoker in honor of the success of the German.

TENN. ALPHA TAU.—Bro. Rudolph has not returned to college, thus reducing our number to nine. Bro. Hall, our delegate to Congress, returned brimful of enthusiasm. Bro. Green is manager of the baseball team; Bro. Warner is manager of the track team; Bro. Wolfe was elected valedictorian for the Literary Society; Bro. Polk won a place in the inter-society declamatory contest, and Bro. Wolfe succeeds Bro. G. B. Hall as president of the Y. M. C. A. We have two men on the basket-ball team.

TENN. BETA TAU.—We have initiated Bros. Lowry D. Jones, B. A. Crosno, C. W. Knight, Warren R. Hill, A. W. Neal and M. E. Dodd. On the *Eatonian*, Bro. A. V. Patton is editor-in-chief, Bro. S. E. Tull, literary editor, Bro. W. G. Mahaffey, exchange editor, and Bro. F. C. Flowers, one of the local editors, leaving only two men on the staff not Alpha Taus. Bros. A. V. Patton and J. F. Ray are contestants for the State Oratorical medal.

TEX. GAMMA ETA.—The university has more than 800 students. We have initiated Bros. Avery L. Rector, 1904, Coke K. Burns, 1904, and Hanno Faust, 1903; but our number has been

reduced from nineteen to fourteen by the withdrawal of Bros. A. M. Barton, J. H. Byrd, James McCall, M. E. Kennard and J. B. Loftin. Bro. Philips, our delegate to Congress, who reports a most enjoyable time, has been elected president of the Final Ball, the highest position in the gift of the students. Bro. R. E. L. Saner, W. G. K. A., and agent for the university lands, spends much of his time with us. We have been visited by Bro. John G. Harris, of O. Alpha Nu, and Bro. J. F. McKenzie, of Tenn. Beta Pi. Bro. Hampson Gary, of Va. Delta, is here attending the State Legislature as a representative from Tyler. Bros. McCall and Kennard represented us on our undefeated 'Varsity team, the former at center, and the latter at half. Bro. Scott Key won the tennis championship at singles by defeating Bro. H. Key in the finals, and Bro. H. Key was one of the winners of the championship in doubles. Baseball practice has begun and Bros. Burke and Burns are sure of places. Bro. Mills is on the track team. Bro. A. M. Barton, manager of the football team, was called home in midseason by the death of his father.

VT. BETA ZETA.—Congress was grand and successful, and we are proud to have been so well represented. Bros. Hopkins and Sedgwick, of R. I. Gamma Delta, and Bro. Dewey, ex-1900, are attending the medical college. Bro. Sedgwick will play on the baseball team. Bro. Sprague, '95, superintendent of schools at Bennington, Vt., paid us a short visit before Christmas. Bro. Smith, '99, has gone to Colorado for his health. We are arranging for an informal dance. We have just added some large Turkish rugs to the furnishings of our rooms.

VA. DELTA.—Bro. Bride, our delegate to Congress, has given us glowing reports of same. We have initiated Bro. Bradley Walker, of Nashville, Tenn., and Bro. James G. Martin, of Norfolk, Va., making our number twenty-one. Bro. Jim Bride, whom we initiated early this year, has returned to his home in San Francisco, on account of illness. Out of eleven "V's" given by the football team, Bros. Montgomery, center, Benet, right tackle, Bride, right end, and Walker, fullback, have four. Several brothers are trying for the baseball team. Bro. Farrar is vice-president of the General Athletic Association; Bro. Nash, vice-president of the Gym. Association; Bro. Hamner, vice-president of the Law Debating Society; Bro. O'Brien represents us on the editorial boards of *College Topics*, our college weekly, and *Corks and Curls*, our college annual. We are also well represented in the social clubs.

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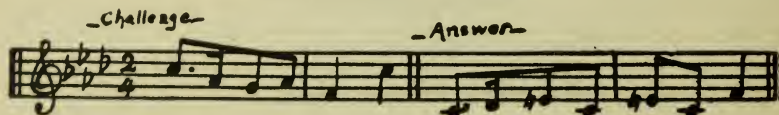
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COLORADO GAMMA LAMBDA.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA is now firmly established in the Centennial state, and we take pleasure in welcoming the new chapter, located at the University of Colorado, at Boulder.

This auspicious event is the culmination of some admirable and systematic campaign work on the part of the successful petitioners, who found a most able advocate in Brother Chester S. Van Brundt, who is now the junior member of the law firm of Ogden & Van Brundt, with offices at Boulder and Eldora, Colorado. He first interested his own chapter, Ills. Gamma Zeta, and with the assistance of these brothers, a favorable vote on the petition was soon secured.

The new chapter was installed on Saturday, May 4th, 1901, at the Bowen Hotel, Boulder, Col. It is made up of the members of a local society known as the Schwamaquegon Club.

The following from Bro. Van Brundt gives some information as to the new chapter and the university at which it is established:

"State institutions are characteristic of the state. Especially is this so of the universities. Colorado, noted as a state for its beautiful scenery and healthful climate, has in its location at Boulder of the state university chosen a most characteristic spot. Just at the base of the foothills, the highest that skirt the Rocky Mt. Range, on a plateau overlooking the city of Boulder and adjacent valley, is the campus of this institution.

"The twelve buildings are conveniently and nicely arranged upon a naturally beautiful campus of fifty acres. With libraries and laboratories well equipped, an elective course of instruction, high grade of scholarship, under able administration and instruction, it is an institution of which a newly developed state, such as is Colorado, may well be proud. In the past it

has been handicapped by the lack of funds, but the last legislature made an adequate appropriation for its maintenance and upbuilding. Its future is as bright and promising as is that of the rich state which it represents.

"The student life is characterized by the independence and originality only known to Western institution. It is free from the strict formalities and castes, so predominant in eastern colleges. The politics are governed by merit and ability. Cosmopolitan as is its student body, there is no recognition or division into those of the East, the West, the North and the South.

"To the Eastern college man, the institution presents another very noticeable feature. It is the lack of anti-fraternity feeling. There is an intimate intermingling of fraternity men and aliens. It promotes the welfare of both, and the perfect union is very pleasant.

"Alpha Tau Omega enters the University of Colorado at a very opportune time. The institution is far from being crowded with fraternities. Good material is not lacking and I am thoroughly convinced that the fifteen brothers, who now comprise Colorado Gamma Lambda, are worthy and will bear with dignity Greek honor.

"The initiation was very pleasant and successful. Brothers Engle, Cutler, Kepner and Fritchle, all of Denver, were present and aided very greatly in explaining to the new brothers the mysteries of A. T. O. The banquet which immediately followed the initiation was one long to be remembered by all present.

"As founder of this chapter I take pleasure in presenting to the fraternity the following brothers:

"Walter M. Appel, Denver, Colo., '02; Roy H. Blackman, Georgetown, Colo., '01; J. Ernest Dier, Cheyenne, Wy., '03; Horace B. Holmes, St. Louis, Mo., '04; Frank H. Hopkins, '01; Morton J. May, Denver, Colo., '04; Harry E. Meyers, Georgetown, Colo., '02; Harry T. Painter, '03; Ernest F. Pope, Hudson, Mass. '02; Fred V. Shute, Bowie, Tex., '04; Howard M. Snyder, Cheyenne, Wy., '04; S. Homer Underwood, Cheyenne, Wy., '04;

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"In connection with the establishment of A. T. O. in Colorado I am of the belief that a great aid to this new chapter would be a Colorado Alumni Association. To further this project, I would like to ask each chapter of the fraternity to send to Colorado Gamma Lambda the names and addresses of all brothers who are known to be residing in this state."

C. S. Van Brundt,
Illinois Gamma Zeta, '97.

The menu card at the initiatory banquet, for which elegantly engraved invitations were issued, was very tasty indeed, and another evidence of the enterprise of our new brothers. The cover was of sky blue board, tied with old gold string and tassel, the fraternity colors, while the badge was prettily stamped in gold and black upon its first page. The menu was as follows:

Consomme Imperial		
Stuffed Olives	Radishes	Cheese Sticks
Muscatel		
Canopes of Anchovies		
Filet of Beef, Larded		Mushroom Sauce
Timbales of Sweetbreads		
Lemon Sherbet		
Spring Chicken, a la Creme		
Sweet Pickles		
Asparagus on Toast		French Rolls
Tomato Salad, en Mayonnaise		
Neapolitan Ice Cream		
Fancy Cake		
Strawberries with Whipped Cream		
Roquefort Cheese		Wafer Crackers
Cafe Noir		
Sauterne		
Key ^W West Cigars		Egyptian Cigarettes
The "programme" reads as follows:		
Toastmaster, Walter M. Appel.		

“As we journey through life, let us live by the way.”

1. The Schwamaquegon Club.....Ira C. Rothgerber
 “Mix with your grave desires a little pleasure;
 Each day of business has a little leisure.”
2. Alpha Tau Omega.....Chester Van Brundt
 “And whatsoever else shall hap to-night,
 Gives it all understanding, but no tongue.”
3. Our Chapter's Ideal.....Frank H. Hopkins
 “In all my dreams,
 A future gleams,
 Passing the fairest glories of the present.”
4. What it Means to me.....Harry C. Painter
5. Our Future.....J. Ernest Dier
 “‘What will come, and must come, shall come well.”
6. Fellowship.....Ernest F. Pope
7. Conservatism.....Horace B. Holmes
 “‘But in spite of all criticising elves,
 Those who would make us feel, must feel themselves”
8. Responses by Alumni
 Alpha Tau Songs.

On the last page of the inside appear the names of the “fledglings,” already mentioned by Bro. Van Brundt above.

The officers of the new chapter are as follows: E. F. Pope, W. M.; F. H. Hopkins, W. C.; S. H. Underwood, W. K. E.; O. P. Willis, W. S., and Walter M. Appel, W. K. A.

MR. DOOLEY ON THE COLLEGE CONVENTION.

EVERYBODY has heard of Mr. Dooley, "the Archey Road philosopher," and every reader of the PALM will no doubt be interested in the expression of his sage views upon the fraternity convention, taken down and reported by F. K. Farr in the Caduceus of Kappa Sigma:

"Hogan's boy was telling me he have been to a conclave of that set of la-ads he was jinin' when I saw ye last," said Mr. Dooley to Hennessey.

"'Twas somethin' like the A. O. Haitch picnic, was it?" said Hennessey helplessly.

"Well, yes," said Mr. Dooley. "Fr'm what Michael tells me 'twas as much like wan of those occasions as a quiet night on th' dhrainage canal is like th' Galveston flood. Ye ought t' know, Hennessey, 'tis foine company young Hogan have got himself in, an' th' la ads at Philadelphia, he says, was up t' th' limit."

"But what was it all for?" inquired Hennessey.

"I gather fr'm the description of Michael that 'twas fr th' manifestation of brotherly affection fr'm 6 P. M. to an early hour th' following mornin,' with a little business on th' side, thransacted by as many as was up in time fr to attend th' tin o'clock session," replied Mr. Dooley. "There was seegars, seegareets, an' smokin' tobacco on tap at all times, an' a Frinchman runnin' fr matches constant. There was also several colors av punch on th' sideboard continuous, an' young Hogan bein' sthriictly timperate whin in company niver made the discovery till th' last day in th' avenin' that th' light colored kind was nothin' but liminade an could niver bring a blush t' th' cheek av modesty, as old Hogan says. Michael's short a gallon av liminade fr th' rest av his life.

"At th' openin' av th' sessions th' diligates was welcomed t th' city be a local mimber. 'Welcome to Philadelphia,' he says 'an' t' all that th' word implies, he says. 'If th' town isn't movin' fast enough fr t' suit ye 'twill be hurried up,' he says, 'but he

says, 'we must kindly r-request ye not t' be impatient in case a milk wagon sh'd get on th' thrack ahead of yere street-car,' he says, f'r this is a protectionist city an' th' milk wagon as th' mainstay of th' infant industry has th' right av way,' he says. 'We thrust,' he says, 'that if ye come into collision with anny of our metropolitan police foorce ye'll be able t' get away,' he says, 'but in case ye shudn't, we have arranged that th' sign av disthress will be recognized be anny magistrate in th' city,' he says. 'Ye're invited f'r to put yere money on th' Penn team,' he says, 'an' in case av loss 'twill be refunded,' he says, 'this offer, howevir, not extendin' to anny other game ye may meet with in th' coorse av yere explorations,' he says.

'Th' local committee had arranged so well f'r th' entertain ment av th' diligates that many av thim spoke av movin' to Philadelphy. Th' first noight there was a smokin' party. Iverybody had th' materials an' used thim. Th' diligation fr'm Cornell was heard t' yell in subdued tones onct or twicet, an' a la-ad fr'm Denver med a speech on 'Ixpansion th' Need av th' Times, an' How to Do It.' Pollytics bein' barred, he med reference only to th' ixpansion av th' Ordher an' was heard with pleasure be all. There was much other speakin' as well as other rafrishmints. Th' nixt avenin' there was a ball, to adorn which th' committee had imported th' beauty av all th' female colledges in th' neighborhood an' av th' city as well. Th' occasion was not marred be any untoward circumstance, ixcept whin a girl fr'm Brownmore thried t' teach th' edither av th' Sadducees th' waltz.

'There was prisint at th' meetin's a happy pair be th' names av Cloudman, fr'm Maine, an' Williams, fr'm Louisiana, an' th' one bein' six fut three while th' other was three fut six, th' attracted th' greatest attintion whin in company, an' that was most av th' time. There was Northern la-ads prisint fratherizing' with Southerners, th' East with th' West, an' th' Philadelphians with iverybody. Th' Worthy Grand Scribe av the Ordher was in the custody av a preacher an' was not observed 't wandher fr'm th' path av righteousness once, an' nayther was 'th preacher. 'Th treasurer rayported that th' Ordher had money

t' bur-rn, but all projicks f'r burnin' it was rayjected an' th' threasurer directed to take out fire insurance. Tin la-ads fr'm the Kneehigh University was initiated, all at wanst' an' young Michael said th' scene was one of threemenjous ixcitement, th' thrained goats fr'm all over th' couthry havin' been brought on f'r to assist in the ceeremonies. 'Th goats confusin' th' mimbers with 'th candidates was th' cause av no little consternation, but all were at last brought to where they had a view of Bolony an' were charmed with th' sight.

"Th' banquet at th' close av th' exercises was th' finest thing av the whole meetin,' young Hogan says. There was r-reed birds on toast, fried Philadelphia scrapple, Hellenic punch, an' all th' usual delicacies. There was also speeches, th' principal ones bein' in raysponse to th' sintiments av 'Woman,' 'Th' Ladies,' 'Our Girls,' 'Th' Fair Sex,' an' 'Our Sweethearts.' Aftther settin up all bills th' diligates dispersed to their rayspective homes, with the greatest regret on all hands."

"But what was there in it, aftther all?" said Hennessey skeptically.

"Hennessey," said Mr. Dooley, "if ye don't know, there's no wan can tell ye. But young Hogan said he'd niver miss another and on me sowl I don't blame him."

FURNIFOLD McLENDDEL SIMMONS, U. S. SENATOR.

ALL Alpha Taus have hailed with pleasure the election of Bro. F. M. Simmons to the United States Senate from North Carolina, and a special message of congratulation was sent him by the Boston Congress, and we believe all readers of the **PALM** will be interested in the following sketch:

Bro. Simmons was born in Jones County, North Carolina, and is forty-seven years of age. He was prepared for college by Prof. Joseph Kinsey, who is now president of Wilson Seminary, and was then teaching in Jones County. He entered Wake Forest College at the age of fifteen, and after remaining there about a year, matriculated at Trinity College, then located in Randolph County, and was graduated in 1873, in a class which contained many prominent men.

From college Bro. Simmons returned to his father's farm, where he took up the study of law. After reading for six months he obtained a license to practice in January, 1875, when he was not quite twenty-one years of age. Judge Pearson observed to the class: "I presume you are all twenty-one years of age." Bro. Simmons replied, "I am not, but will be on the 25th of this month," and the Chief Justice answered, "Well, young man, I guess you will not do much mischief during that time." The license was, accordingly, granted.

After his admission, Bro. Simmons practiced at first in his native county, but, later removed to New Bern, where he formed a partnership with the late Judge Mathias E. Manly and his son, Clement Manly. After the death of the senior partner, the firm was continued by the survivors until 1889.

Bro. Simmons early took an interest in politics, and, before he left Jones County, was nominated by the Democrats by acclamation for Congress. He made a brilliant, though unsuccessful campaign, and succeeded in materially reducing the normal Republican majority of the district. Shortly after his removal to New Bern, he was nominated by his party for the legislature,



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but again, although he made a splendid campaign, he could not overcome the large adverse majority.

In 1896 Bro. Simmons was elected to Congress from the second district, his competitors being two negroes, each claiming to be the regular Republican nominee. He was renominated in 1898, but, in 1899, was not a candidate for re-election. His term in Congress was characterized by industry, devotion to the interests of his constituents, and party loyalty. He made a few excellent, strong and effective speeches, which gave him a strong hold upon the confidence of the people of his district. Shortly after the expiration of his term in Congress, he removed to Winston, N. C., but remained there only a short time, returning to New Bern. In 1892, Bro. Simmons was chosen chairman of the Democratic executive committee of North Carolina, and managed that difficult campaign with great ability, winning a splendid victory. In 1893, he was appointed by President Cleveland collector of internal revenue for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and proved an efficient and popular officer. Upon his retirement from that position, he formed a partnership for the practice of law, with Messrs. J. H. and E. W. Pou (of N. C. Alpha Delta) and A. D. Ward, and took up his residence in Raleigh, where he has since lived. He was state chairman for the Democrats in 1898, and was chosen to the same office again in 1900, and again led his party to a brilliant victory in his state.

As was well said of our distinguished brother by the *Raleigh News and Observer* of January 23rd, last: "He is an astute politician, an indefatigable worker, a wise general, a successful executive, a writer of powerful argument, a lawyer of learning and an all-round well-equipped public man, who goes to the Senate where he will well and truly represent the best sentiment of the State."

Bro. Simmons was a charter member of North Carolina Xi Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, at Trinity College, and, is therefore an Alpha Tau of about thirty years standing, but the passing years have not dimmed his ardor, but have strengthened it, and he is still proud to be known as a wearer of the Maltese Cross.

The best wishes of the fraternity go with Brother Simmons in his distinguished career.

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY, THE HOME OF OHIO GAMMA KAPPA.

In 1801, the General Assembly of the territory northwest of the Ohio river was petitioned by residents of the Connecticut Western Reserve to grant a charter for a college to be situated within the limits of the "Reserve." The petition was denied. After several other attempts to establish such a school, a charter was finally granted in 1826, Hudson was selected as the site of the new institution, and in April of the same year the corner stone of the first building was laid. The first students were received in the following December.

It would be difficult to find upon the Western Reserve a spot more "beautiful for situation" than the old campus at Hudson. It is a New England landscape, in keeping with the thought and purpose of those Connecticut pioneers, who chose it as the site of the college which they afterward shaped into "a faithful copy of Yale College, almost to the minutest particular." Two-thirds of the first Board of Trustees were Connecticut men; almost half of them were Yale graduates, and when they built their college in the woods they meant to build a new Yale. So we are not surprised to find that the campus presented a striking resemblance to that of old Yale, and that most of the buildings were called by names originally used in New Haven. They brought into the little college as many Yale men as they could provide for; they kept its presidency filled with three of her favored sons for more than half a century, and sent back to old "Eli" a numerous company of Ohio-trained grandsons to help pay the debt owed to New Haven. The four Western Reserve men now teaching in Yale, and the two of Yale's own sons who came to us to win their spurs until recalled to their alma mater, are cited in proof of this strong bond which has always connected the two schools.

The day came when the village could no longer hold the college. Mr. Amasa Stone, of Cleveland, proposed to give the college five hundred thousand dollars, provided it should be removed

OHIO GAMMA KAPPA CHAPTER GROUP.



Southworth,
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Lanphear.

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Williams.

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Cortes.

Fish.

to Cleveland and change its name to Adelbert College of Western Reserve University. The vote to remove was received with the wildest joy by the boys, who fired the cannon and lit huge bonfires on the campus. They were obliged to wait two years longer for the exodus, which took place in September, 1882. The college packed its slender library, its meagre little stock of specimens and apparatus; the students gathered up their lares and penates; the fraternities boxed their coffins and bones, and the college vanished out of Hudson as silently as a shadow. The glorious history of fifty years was ended; the "Yale of the West" was no more.

The college opened its doors on the new campus of twenty-two acres, situated in the midst of the great park system of Cleveland. On this campus two buildings had been erected, one containing rooms for the work of instruction, with offices, chapel, library and museum; the other, apartments for sixty students. The ensuing eighteen years have proved the wisdom of this change, as shown by the increase of students and of endowment funds. In 1883, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars was added to the funds of the college by the will of Mr. Stone. In 1888 the gymnasium was erected and equipped by the gifts of numerous friends. During the same year, fifty thousand dollars was received to found the Haydn Professorship. In 1893, Mr. Samuel Mather built and furnished the Physical Laboratory. In the following year, Mr. Henry R. Hatch presented the library building bearing his name, which now contains fifty thousand volumes. In 1897, Eldred Hall, a building for the use of the Young Men's Christian Association, was erected through the gift of the late Henry B. Eldred. In 1899, the Biological Laboratory, to which several friends have contributed, was completed.

Ground will be broken this summer for a chemical laboratory. By the will of Daniel B. Fayerweather, of New York City, who died in 1890, the college has received an additional endowment fund of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. At the present time Adelbert College has an endowment of about seven hundred

and fifty thousand dollars, and buildings which have cost about five hundred thousand dollars.

But the removal to Cleveland made possible not only larger growth for the college, but also the development of a university. In 1884, the Cleveland Medical College, which had been from the time of its opening in 1884 more or less closely associated with the college at Hudson, was made an integral part of the University. It now possesses buildings and endowments to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars.

For the first few years of residence in Cleveland, the college was open to women on the same terms as men; but the wisdom of this method was questionable, and in 1888 the trustees established the "College for Women" as an independent department of the University, having a common standard of work with the older institution. The College for Women is situated on the edge of Wade Park, just a few steps from Adelbert College. In thirteen years this department has grown more rapidly than even its warmest supporters anticipated, so that today it has attained a size equal to that of Adelbert, with its own faculty, funds to the amount of three hundred thousand dollars, and two large buildings with two more in course of construction, Haydn Hall and a chapel, to cost sixty thousand dollars.

A Graduate Department was opened in 1892, and the following year the Dental College and the Law School were established. The latter has its own building, and the former will enter its new home next year. At the same time, a medical laboratory will be erected. Besides the six departments of the University proper, there is the preparatory department, known as Western Reserve Academy, which occupies the old college buildings at Hudson. Exclusive of the preparatory department, with its faculty of eleven and one hundred and twenty students, the University enrolls the present year one hundred and thirty-nine instructors and teachers and seven hundred and sixty-one students.

Before this sketch is brought to an end we would have you take a glance at our city. Cleveland now has the honor of being the seventh city in the United States as regards population. The

metropolis of Ohio has but recently shifted from the south to the north, and Cleveland is also the second city on the lakes, having outstripped Buffalo during the past decade. It is fitting, therefore, that the foremost city in the Buckeye State should support an educational institution of the first order, such as Western Reserve University, which is coming to occupy more and more of a conspicuous place in the collegiate world. No one today could, from the elements of the Reserve of today, reconstruct an image of those years spent in Hudson, or even of the first years in Cleveland. The campus is now a scene of classic beauty, which shall grow nobler as the years pass by. Impressive buildings, magnificent equipment, ever-increasing endowments, a quadrupled faculty, a swiftly growing student body, all foretell a grand future for the new Reserve.

Since the above was written by one of the members of our new chapter, the following has appeared in the *Chicago Record-Herald* from the pen of that distinguished, able and entertaining correspondent, the Hon. William E. Curtis:

“One of the oldest, if not the oldest, educational institutions west of the Allegheny Mountains—Western Reserve University—celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary on the 12th of June, and can look back upon a career of usefulness that few of its contemporaries have equalled or surpassed. In the latter part of the seventeenth century Charles II. of England made the loyal colony of Connecticut a queer gift. He extended its western boundary indefinitely to the Pacific Ocean—a ribbon of land about sixty miles wide and more than 3,500 miles long—and when Connecticut became a State she still maintained her claims to this vast territory. That part which was included within the colonial limits of New York and Pennsylvania was relinquished by agreement, but that portion lying west of the Pennsylvania line was a subject of dispute until 1786, when Connecticut ceded it to the general government, with the exception of a strip 120 miles long on the southern shore of Lake Erie north of parallel 41 degrees. This was called the “Connecticut Western Reserve,” and it was settled by Connecticut people, who brought with them their intel-

ligence, thrift, energy, prudence and piety, and had scarcely shingled their log cabins when they organized a society "for the education of indigent, pious young men," and applied to the legislature for a charter. The first name on the list was Moses Cleaveland, the founder of the metropolis of Ohio. For some reason or another the charter was denied until Ohio was admitted as a State, when within four weeks after the first legislature convened an act of incorporation was passed.

"The inside history of the legislation is not recorded, but we know that the Rev. Caleb Pitkin and Judge Brown rode on horseback to Columbus in the middle of the winter to secure an acceptable charter, and that Judge Brown, being a man of political sagacity and experience, remarked to Mr. Pitkin after a few interviews with members of the legislature:

" 'You better go home and leave me to look after this matter. It is a thing that sinners can manage best.' "

"Parson Pitkin went home, Judge Brown secured an acceptable charter, and Western Reserve College was located at the town of Hudson, in the center of Summit county and about the center of the Reserve, twenty-five miles south of Cleveland. Hudson was a typical Connecticut village, with wooden sidewalks, white houses and broad, shady streets—an ideal place to educate young men for the ministry.

"The corner stone of the college was laid on the 26th of April, 1826. A hymn was composed for the occasion by Asaph Whitelsey, which began:

From heaven, thy high and holy throne,
Look down, O Lord, and view this stone,
This corner stone on which we raise
A building sacred to Thy praise.

"The fate of this stone offers a problem for that kind of people who wonder why church steeples are struck by lightning, for during the following night it was tipped over and a copper box which had been placed under it was removed, probably because of "several pieces of American coin" that were deposited therein to gratify the curiosity of future generations.

“The number of students at Western Reserve University has never been large, but they have made up in quality what they lacked in quantity. The alumni include many famous men, justices of the Supreme Court and other judges, senators, representatives in Congress, governors of States, and men famous in science, literature, art, theology, and particularly in scholarship. Most of the original faculty were Yale graduates, but the college has sent quite as many back to the mother. In fact, one of the chief functions of Western Reserve College has been to furnish faculties for other institutions. Elias Loomis, the great mathematician and astronomer; Professors Ladd, Seymour, Perrin, Palmer and Bourne, of Yale; President Bartlett, of Dartmouth; President Chadbourne, of Williams; Professor Young, of Princeton; Professor Hickok, of Amherst, and other men of equal reputation got their best training in the little village of Hudson, and during the decade from 1840 to 1850, because of the eminence of her faculty, Western Reserve was better known throughout the world than Yale.

“The first president was Charles Backus Storrs, one of the earliest and most prominent of abolitionists, who died from exhaustion at the close of a speech before an antislavery society. One of Whittier’s most stirring poems is a tribute to his memory:

Thou hast fallen in thy armor,
Thou Martyr of the Lord.

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We will think of thee, oh, brother,
And thy sainted name shall be
In the blessing of the captive
And the anthem of the free.

“The present faculty of instructors is equal to that of any college in the country. The president, Professor Charles F. Thwing, a Harvard man, is an energetic, up-to-date organizer and executive, whose physical and intellectual vigor are felt in every direction, and promise still greater influence for the institution. Professor Edward W. Morley, the bright particular star of the faculty, is perhaps the ablest chemist in America. He

was recently president of the American Association for the advancement of science. His ability is recognized and his name is quite as well known in Europe as in the United States.

"In 1882 the college was moved to Cleveland because of financial inducements offered by the late Amasa Stone, the father of Mrs. John Hay, and the classical department was named Adelbert College, in memory of his son, who was drowned while a student. The facilities for taking care of students have been very much enlarged and improved, and the approaching commencement exercises will not only commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the institution, but will mark the highest point yet reached in its prosperity and usefulness."

MELLEN S. HARLOW.

MELLEN S. HARLOW, late President of Boston Alumni Association of Alpha Tau Omega, was born at East Hebron, Maine, Oct. 16, 1860. He received his early education in the public schools of Maine, graduating from the high school at Cape Elizabeth, Maine, in 1880. Bro. Harlow attended Stevens Institute of Technology and was a member of the class of '85.

In 1881 he was one of seven members to establish New Jersey Alpha Kappa at Stevens Institute and was the first correspondent to the PALM.

After leaving college he was employed on the Croton Aqueduct, and about the same time became interested in the Ingersoll rock drills, acting as salesman for the company, now the Ingersoll Sergeant Drill Co. of New York.

In October, 1887, he opened a small office on Friend street, Boston, with a small stock of drills and duplicate parts. His territory covered the New England States, which he worked alone until he had built up a very successful business, at present requiring the services of several agents.

In 1893 Bro. Harlow went to South Africa representing his company relative to the mining industry. On returning to his



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native land, he resumed the management of the Boston office, which position he held until his death.

He was a Knight Templar, member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, member of the American Society of Mining Engineers and of the New England Water Works Association, besides belonging to several other organizations in New England and in Malden, the city in which he resided. Bro. Harlow became actively associated with the Boston Alumni Association of Alpha Tau Omega in 1897 and, for two years prior to his death, was its president. He took great interest in fraternity life and was a welcome visitor at the Tufts Chapter. In the early part of December, while very busy preparing for the Congress, he was stricken with typhoid pneumonia and died December 29th, the next day after Congress closed. On the Sunday before his death, while the fever was reaching its height, he expressed deep regrets at not being able to see Bro. Tucker of the Tufts Chapter, who had called to see him.

The tribute sent him from Congress he recognized sufficiently to try to smell one of the flowers.

Bro. Harlow is truly mourned by the Boston Alumni Association, and his death is especially sad to the members of the Congress committees, who were so closely connected with him in preparation for Congress, every one of whom feels as though he had lost a personal friend.

We regret that he was not spared to see the Boston Congress, for the success of which he labored so efficiently. Certainly, no brother looked forward to the time with pleasanter anticipations than he.

IN MEMORIAM.

HALL OF TENNESSEE OMEGA of Alpha Tau Omega, Sewanee, Tennessee, April 2, 1901.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and power to call unto Himself the soul of Bro. Frank C. Fishburne, a member of Tennessee Omega chapter of Alpha Tau Omega;

Therefore be it resolved by this chapter at its first meeting for the year 1901, that in the death of Bro. Fishburne this chapter has sustained the loss of a devoted member, one who ever lived up to the truth and doctrine of the spirit of the fraternity, and whose character and bearing should be an example to those of us who inherit the splendid traditions which the lives of men like our departed brother have left us for an inspiration and a guide, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, who have our deepest sympathy, and that they be published in the Alpha Tau Omega Palm.

C. B. Colmore, }
Halsey Werlein, } Committee.
H. W. Jervay, }

These following resolutions were drawn up by Va. Delta chapter on the death of Harry Williams Heath, alumnus of the chapter:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His divine wisdom to take from this earth our beloved friend and brother Harry Williams Heath, be it therefore

Resolved, That we, the Delta chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, do deplore his loss as that of a true brother and friend, and that we extend our sincerest sympathy to his bereaved family in this their great affliction.

Resolved, Further, that a copy of these resolutions be sent his family, one published in the PALM, and one spread upon the minutes of this chapter.

S. Mazyck O'Brien, }
John D. Gordan, } Committee.
Beverley D. Tucker, Jr. }

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Worthy Grand Chief of the universe to cut off, in the springtime of his manhood, the thread of life of our beloved brother, William Bess Thompson, and

WHEREAS, Though it is not the good fortune of this chapter to have initiated one who so nobly fulfilled the obligations and so unselfishly participated in the benefits of Alpha Tau Omega, yet our associations with him as a man and as a brother have so endeared him to us that we desire to express our appreciation of his splendid character; therefore be it

Resolved, By Beta Epsilon Chapter, in regular meeting assembled, that the family has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of a son whose short life was but an earnest beginning of a future which could not have failed to be brilliant, and the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity has been deprived of the devotion of one of whom she was so justly proud; and be it

Resolved, That feeling deeply ourselves, we extend our sincerest and most heartfelt sympathy to the family in their bereavement. That these resolutions be inscribed in the minutes of this chapter, that copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of Brother William Bess Thompson, to Tennessee Omega Chapter and to Texas Gamma Eta Chapter of this Fraternity, and that a copy be sent to the editor of the PALM for publication.

Henry Chaffe,	} Committee.
H. L. Eustis,	
I. S. Eshleman,	

New Orleans, La., April 22, 1901.

Hall of Tennessee Omega of Alpha Tau Omega, April 16, 1901.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and power to take unto Himself the soul of our late beloved brother, W. B. Thompson II., a member of Tenn. Omega of Alpha Tau Omega, be it

Resolved, That in the untimely death of Bro. Thompson in the strength and noontide of his youth, this chapter is deprived of one whom it ever regarded with feelings of sympathetic affec-

tion and brotherly love, appreciating in the intimate contact between them the love and sweet disposition of mind and heart that those who knew him always loved so well. That the chapter wear the usual sign of mourning for thirty days. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the relatives in their hour of affliction, with the tenderest sympathy of the chapter. That copies be spread upon the minutes of the chapter, and printed in the PALM and the Sewanee Purple.

J. B. Ryland, Committee.

OHIO GAMMA KAPPA'S FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET.

We are pleased to announce that on May 16, at the Colonial Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, Gamma Kappa held her first annual banquet. It was a decided success and so pronounced by the attending alumni brothers and our lady guests, many of whom had before attended the fraternity banquets of our rival chapters here and who pronounced Gamma Kappa's banquet equal to the best. We can only say that for such success the true Alpha Tau spirit must have been instilled into us by our always attentive alumni brothers. Ten toasts were responded to—seven by our members and three by the alumni. Bro. Herr very appropriately handled the toast to the ladies on "The Other Plate," and the chairman of the banquet committee was selected from the Junior class to toast the "Farewell" to the honor of the seniors. All were unanimous in the praise of the true picture of Alpha Tau given in Bro. Lane's (alumnus) toast on "Fraternity."

Before being seated, we all enjoyed meeting and greeting one another in the parlors and assembly rooms of the hotel. After the banquet proper was served, we all arose at our places and gave with a vim "Hip Hurrah." We then sang "Oh A. T. O. Dear A. T. O.," the national song, and "Here's to A. T. O., drink her down." There were present twenty couples, eight alumni and twelve active members with ladies.

We were very fortunate in having with us as toastmaster Worthy Grand Chaplain Paul R. Hickok, who introduced each speaker in a manner to remind all former A. T. O.'s of their own chapter meets around the banquet table. We were seated at one long table, with Bro. Hickok at our head. The table was spread with an Alpha Tau tea rose at each plate, and one palm indicative of our national magazine, stood in the centre, wrapped in sky blue and old gold tissue paper. The menu was prepared on sky blue board and printed in old gold colors. The complete toast list was as follows:

- Toastmaster..... W. G. Ch. Paul R. Hickok
 "Oh A. T. O., Dear A. T. O.,
 'Tis Sweet thy Secret Joys to Know."
- Greetings..... Lamar T. Beman
 "Welcome, Thrice Welcome!"
- The Other Plate..... Francis F. Herr
 "The Proper Study of Mankind is Man,
 The most perplexing one, no doubt, is woman."
- A. T. O. Out of College..... Emmet F. Eldredge
 "Lead on to victory,
 Her strength increase."
- 'Noughty-one..... Claude W. Shimmon
 "Nitamur ad summam."
- Teams..... Joseph F. Williams
 "Oh Sketloi."
- Ohio Gamma Kappa in 100 years..... Herbert J. Coates.
 "Thou art worthy, reign,
 Be strong until the last."
- The Leaven (Eleven).... Ernest J. Reece.
 "They think next year their turn will come
 To test the neophyte."
- Farewell to the Boys..... William H. Rider, Jr.
 "Farewell, farewell, and this we tell
 To thee our parting guests."
- Fraternity..... Jay J. Lane
 "Dear Alpha Tau of thee,

Noblest fraternity,
We sing the praise."

The committee was composed of Bros. William H. Rider, Jr., Francis F. Herr and Ernest J. Reece.

After yelling and singing, and a most enjoyable meeting, we parted in the best of cheer, and were glad that Alpha Tau Omega, as a national fraternity, could have settled here at Western Reserve University, and that we, as Ohio Gamma Kappa's members, were able to do this much to establish her locally in a social way. We can more than ever wish that we may, as Ohio Gamma Kappa of A. T. O., give due strength and success to the bright fame of Alpha Tau nationally. And as these lines introduced our last toast by J. J. Lane on "Fraternity," so let it close this report.

"Dear Alpha Tau, of thee,
Noblest Fraternity,
We sing the praise."

WILLIAM H. RIDER, Jr.,

Chairman banquet com. (Ohio Alpha Nu and Gamma Kappa.)

FROM EXCHANGES AND OTHER SOURCES.

SWARTHMORE College has chapters of Phi Kappa Psi, Kappa Sigma, Delta Upsilon, Theta Nu Epsilon, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Beta Phi. The institution was founded by the Friends in 1864, but is attended by all denominations, and has successfully carried on a system of co-education.

Phi Kappa Psi has withdrawn from Wabash College, because the institution is crowded with fraternities, and the attendance is constantly dwindling.

The fifty-third annual convention of Theta Delta Chi will be held in Buffalo on July 2nd and 3rd next.

Phi Gamma Delta has recently established a chapter at the University of the State of Washington.

The University of Pennsylvania has about 2,800 students and

300 instructors. It occupies fifty acres in the heart of West Philadelphia, and its holdings are worth \$7,000,000. The University is about to erect a \$350,000 gymnasium.

Phi Gamma Delta, following the Yale custom, has built a "tomb" at Yale.

Delta Tau Delta fraternity has recently placed a chapter at Armour Institute, Chicago, being the second Greek letter fraternity to enter there.

The total gifts of John D. Rockefeller to the University of Chicago now amount to \$9,001,000.

Phi Sigma Kappa has entered Lehigh University.

Zeta Psi has recently published a catalogue costing \$15,000, and containing 1,000 pages.

Kappa Sigma and Sigma Nu are said to have become defunct at Tulane University.

Fraternity affairs at Wittenberg college seem to have been decidedly lively this year. In January, the Seniors elected a fraternity man class day orator. The leader of the opposition began a fierce arraignment of the fraternities, and referred to the members as "wearers of the badge of a beast." He was promptly knocked down by the captain of the college football team. More trouble followed. Students' rooms were "stacked" and one student shot another, when the latter was attempting to "stack" his room. The faculty expelled the leader of the anti-fraternity faction.

Sigma Nu has entered the University of Oregon.

Spanish-American students at Lehigh University have organized a fraternity under the name of Psi Alpha Kappa, and expect to place chapters at Cornell, University of Pennsylvania and Troy.

Phi Gamma Delta is considering the establishment of another chapter at Stanford. In 1897 its chapter there withdrew from the fraternity and endeavored unsuccessfully to obtain a chapter from Alpha Delta Phi.

On February 22nd last Kappa Sigma absorbed the Q. T. V. society at New Hampshire college, with twenty-six active mem-

bers. There is another local society in the institution, known as Zeta Epsilon Zeta.

Delta Upsilon has absorbed the local society called "The Iron Key," at the University of Chicago.

Cornell University's buildings at Ithaca are valued at \$2,000,000, their equipment at \$1,250,000, and its invested funds at \$7,000,000. This is exclusive of the medical college in New York City.

Bowdoin College has chapters of Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Psi, Theta Delta Chi, Delta Upsilon, Beta Theta Pi and Kappa Sigma, with 250 students. In one class, only four students are not fraternity members.

Sigma Chi will hold her next "Grand Chapter" in Buffalo July 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1901.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's chapter at Trinity College, Connecticut, has been withdrawn, because of lack of fraternity material, and the fraternity has established new chapters at the Universities of Maine and Pennsylvania.

Chapter memberships at Washington and Lee University are as follows: Kappa Alpha, 12; Phi Delta Theta, 12; Mu Pi Alpha, 11; Sigma Chi, 10; Phi Kappa Sigma, 9; Delta Tau Delta, 7; Phi Gamma Delta, 6; Phi Kappa Psi, 6; Sigma Nu, 5; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 5.

According to a recent number of a Chicago newspaper, the faculty of Northwestern University has been seriously considering the advisability of withdrawing the chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at that institution, because of the ill feeling aroused every year on the announcement of those elected to membership.

The University of Chicago has 2,400, and the University of Minnesota, 3,500 students this year. In both cases the record of largest attendance is broken.

The Sophomore societies at Yale have been discontinued "for the good of the university."

THE BOY WITH THE HOE.

(This poem by Bro. H. Ross Ake, of Ohio Alpha Nu chapter, first appeared in *The Dynamo*, the college monthly of Mt. Union College, and has been very favorably criticised. It was, of course, suggested by Markham's famous poem.)

Blessed with a noble heritage, he leans
Upon his hoe in silent wonderment,
A light of possibility upon his face
That marks him fit to bear the burdens of the world.

A just ambition that his life
May better the condition of mankind,
A true unselfish purpose in his heart,
Sounds warning to the judges of the world.

This is the gift God gave to earth
To have dominion over land and sea,
Graced with His image pure and grand,
And blessed with immortality.

Who can conceive of things divine
As he who lives at home midst nature grand,
Enjoys the handiwork of Him who holds his fate,
And all the universe within His hand?

What cares he for the classics of the world?
Such works are but the feeble works of men,
When all of nature's library is his,
Where living volumes speak what God hath wrought for man.

His bright young mind, susceptible and true,
Yearns for the lessons he may read
From dainty petals bathed in morning dew,
To e'en the sun, whose brilliant light
O'ershines the diamond robe of night,
Where countless tongues of silvery hue,
In manner eloquent and true,

Pour forth such pure instructive thought
Of things such as no man hath wrought.

He'll better far interpret these,
Than he who lulls in silent ease,
For in his soul yet sounds the chords
Which nature's melody affords.

How sweetly yet to him it sings,
The just relation of all things,
The right of man to liberty,
To justice, and equality!

How can he bend an humble knee
To lords who rule with tyranny?
Who tread with shame, contemptuous greed,
O'er unprotected hearts that bleed,
The blood of purest innocence?
Canst wonder then that kingdoms fall,
And thrones are trampled in the dust,
That rulers lose unworthy heads
In righteous onslaughts of the just?
That blades are freed of peaceful rest,
That freedom's emblem is unfurled,
That tempests of rebellion sweep the world?

How answer, lord, the God who gave you life
And gave alike unto thy brother, peer but name,
If of the pride of thy Creator's hand thou madest
Such for greed, that would humanity defame?

If thou this virtuous bud doth scorn,
And trample neath corrupted feet,
And poison its rich perfumes
With the venoms of the earth:
Some gentle breeze will seek its lonely berth,
And wake it from its sleep,
That stronger winds made scatter wide
Its deadly breath o'er kingdoms.

Thence vile contagion will besiege corrupted thrones.
And smite their rude defenders to the earth,
When but a beast they strive to make this precious gift
That God in wisdom gave a human birth.

EDITORIAL.

One of the chapters, has, for some time, made a practice of keeping up correspondence with its alumni, and embodying in a circular letter the information collected, and sending same out to each alumnus. In this way, it was expected that interest would be kept alive in the chapter and in one another by the graduates.

Of late, however, the scheme has not received as enthusiastic support as formerly. This is one of the sad phases of fraternity life. The ardor of the most enthusiastic brother seems to gradually cool after he leaves college halls, unless unusual circumstances combine to keep alive his interest. This, however, explains in part only the failure of this scheme, as the later graduates should have sufficient interest in their chapter and one another to keep it alive.

After considering this instance somewhat, we have arrived at the conclusion that better results would be achieved by using the PALM as a medium for such communication as was intended in this case. That indeed is one of the reasons for the existence of the magazine, and one which unfortunately, has been too much ignored.

If every alumnus of the chapter in question were a subscriber of the PALM, and its chapter correspondent did his full duty in writing letters and sending personals, we believe the best results would be obtained, and the reason is very apparent. The PALM contains all of the news from all of the fraternity, something impossible to obtain in any chapter circular letter and we believe the reading of the PALM by the alumni of any chapter cannot fail to keep alive their interest in both their particular chapter and the general fraternity.

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The editor of the PALM has on hand a number of volumes of back numbers, which he proposes to have bound, as they require too much room for storage. A limited number of these will be

offered for sale at \$4., bound in half leather and stamped in gold, making the fraternity colors of gold and blue. Two volumes are bound in one, beginning with an odd number volume, i. e., Vols. XV and XVI, XVII and XVIII, XIX and XX. The price is merely the subscription price of the two volumes, with one dollar added to cover cost of binding and delivery.

The volumes will make a very desirable addition to any private or chapter library. A few earlier volumes will also be bound for sale. If desired, a single volume, bound as above, may be had for \$2.50, on order.

As only a limited number of these volumes are left, orders should be sent in early, as it will possibly require two weeks to fill them.

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The chapter farthest from the PALM office was the first to send to the editor its printed annual report, and only a few others have been received thus far. We refer to Colorado Gamma Iota, and congratulate our brothers on the Pacific coast on their enterprise.

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This is an opportune time to call attention to the alumni certificate. It was prepared with a two-fold purpose. Many brothers desire an attractive and official evidence of their fraternity membership, and the fraternity is anxious to promote, in every possible way, the building of chapter houses. For these reasons, the certificate was provided for by suitable legislation at the New Orleans Congress.

The certificates are extremely attractive, and are sold for five dollars each. They would be an ornament to any brother's room, and he would have the satisfaction of having contributed to a most worthy cause, the building of chapter houses for his fraternity, for which purpose the surplus, after the payment of the cost of the certificate, must be used.

We sincerely hope that many of the brothers who graduate this year, as well as the old alumni, will secure their certificates by corresponding with the Worthy Grand Chief.

Some of the chapters seem to need constant reminders of their duty to the general fraternity, financially. A number have been extremely delinquent in the matter of forwarding initiation fees, and we would suggest that no initiate should be satisfied that he is an Alpha Tau until he has seen the proper voucher for his initiation fee from the W. G. K. E. The importance of this suggestion will be understood from a consideration of our recent fraternity legislation on the subject.

This matter is of such a nature, that the Worthy Grand Chief is not only justified in using, but is required to use, stringent measures to compel the performance of the fraternity's laws in regard to the payment of fees. It is sufficient to say that no one becomes an Alpha Tau until this duty is performed, and no name will appear in the new fraternity catalogue unless the brother in question has a clear record with the W. G. K. E.

We repeat, once more, that the active chapter has no right to allow initiation fees to become confused with chapter funds. These fees belong to the general fraternity.

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The Worthy Grand Chief has found it necessary to issue several circular letters to the chapters in connection with the work of his office and their duties. These letters are issued because circumstances require them to be sent out, and they should in all cases receive the most careful attention at the hands of the active chapters. The Worthy Grand Chief is in the best position to know the needs of the fraternity and it is his duty to see that they are cared for. He is too busy in his professional work to send out such communications when no urgent necessity exists, and consideration for him requires that his time should be economized as much as possible by prompt attention to his suggestions and instructions. It is a poor exhibition of fraternity spirit which requires him to call attention more than once to the same matter. The affairs of the fraternity cannot be handled satisfactorily, without the loyal co-operation of every chapter and brother.

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We have been favored with the card of the first annual banquet of Ohio Gamma Kappa chapter. It is very attractive in the fraternity colors of sky-blue and old gold, and the menu and list of toasts are such as to make one long to have been present. An account of the banquet is given elsewhere in this number.

The editor hopes that this annual banquet may be arranged for many years to come as successfully and pleasantly as the first of the kind at Western Reserve. We congratulate our young brothers most heartily on the admirable manner in which they have inaugurated this commendable custom.

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It is always interesting to listen to the reminiscences of older fraternity brothers, and the editor thought to secure some interesting information in regard to revived Tenn. Pi from some of the chapter. With this end in view, a personal letter was sent to each of the brothers whose names appear in the catalogue.

So far, a reply has been received from only one brother, Joshua W. Caldwell, senior member of the law firm of Caldwell & Caldwell, of Knoxville, Tenn., who has written quite fully.

From him we learn that the chapter had very little history. Bro. Alfred Iverson Branhan was the founder. The charter members were: Robert P. Toole, one of the brilliant men of his day at the University of Tennessee; Otto Fisher, now a lawyer at Chattanooga, Tenn.; John W. Elder, whose present address Bro. Caldwell does not know, and Bro. Caldwell himself.

Bro. Toole is now on the staff of the *Houston Daily Post* in Texas, and is a man of unusually ability.

Bro. Caldwell writes: "The chapter did not flourish. All the members but myself—and, possibly, Elder—left the University very soon after it was organized, and no promising material presented itself. There was a euthanasia and no resurrection until this year. I am glad to see the reorganization, but the chapter must exercise patience and judgment."

It is sincerely to be regretted that there were not more brothers of Bro. Caldwell's stamp in the early days to look after the interests of Tenn. Pi.

It is pleasing to note, from time to time, the views of prominent educators upon the subject of college fraternities. Perhaps no one is better qualified to speak of them than President Schurman, of Cornell University, not himself a fraternity man. He is recently reported to have said, in a New York interview:

"College Fraternities at Cornell have become one of the strongest powers for good which the institution at present possesses. They contribute more to building up manhood and developing the honesty, probity, chivalry, and also the intellectual faculties of the students than any course of study.

"I have thus come to count a great deal on the Fraternities in the administration of the College, and in the moulding of its life and thought. If, for instance, a student shows evidence of going wrong, a word to his Fraternity brothers, and the fellow is pulled into line far more quickly and kept there far more securely than if he had been censured in person by a College officer, against whose authority he would, in all probability, have rebelled. And the Fraternity which had such a wayward member would see to it, out of pride in its own name and traditions, that both name and traditions be kept unsullied in the future.

"There are not too many Fraternities at Cornell. There should be a goodly number in any such institution to stimulate rivalry and emulation. The new Chapters have done great good in not only having been compelled to fight for their own advancement, but also in stirring up the older Chapters to shake off whatever lethargy they may have fallen into, and to bestir themselves with renewed activity. Fraternities, therefore, have come to be almost as essential to our college life as is exercise to our physical life."

These expressions of approval are all the more significant because Cornell University is one of the greatest strongholds of the college fraternity system.

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This number of the PALM announces another addition to our list of chapters, Colorado Gamma Lambda, located at the University of Colorado, at Boulder, Colorado. This event is the cul-

mination of the best conducted campaign for a fraternity charter of which we have knowledge.

The membership of the new chapter is drawn from a local organization, known as the Schwamaquegon Club, which, for a year or more, maintained a most creditable standing at the University in question. Bro. Chester S. Van Brundt, of Ills. Gamma Zeta, took a deep interest in this club, and his advice was invaluable to the petitioners. It was a peculiar circumstance that our brother was seriously considering the advisability of making advances toward the gentlemen in question, at the same time that they proposed to apply for a charter of our fraternity. The desire was, therefore, mutual, to see Alpha Tau Omega established at Boulder.

The petitioners, by means of circular letters and photographs, undoubtedly, made every active chapter fully acquainted with themselves and their college, and we doubt if a more intelligent vote was ever taken by our fraternity than on the question of granting this charter. Whoever was ignorant of the situation has only himself to blame. The efforts of our new brothers should prove an example to all future petitioners.

The administration of our present Worthy Grand Chief has opened with some most important extension work. In the few months which have elapsed since Congress, four chapters have been added to our roll, two revived, Tenn. Pi. and Penn. Alpha Pi, and two newly founded, O. Gamma Kappa and Col. Gamma Lambda. On behalf of the fraternity, we welcome the baby chapter, and wish it prosperity, strength and long life.

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We regret exceedingly that the chairman of the High Council, our beloved founder, has not yet recovered from the illness, which overtook him shortly after the Boston Congress. Indeed, he was quite unwell on that occasion. The best wishes of the fraternity are his for a speedy and complete recovery.

During his indisposition Bro. N. Wiley Thomas, at his request, is acting as chairman of the High Council.

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This number of the PALM was delayed because of the delinquency of chapters in sending their letters. When the time announced for publication had arrived, over thirty of the chapters had failed in the performance of this duty, and it was thought advisable to notify them, and the result of such notices have been extremely satisfactory, as only a few letters are now missing. It is not, however, intended to establish a precedent in this way. As a rule, the PALM will go to press when announced. Correspondents will, in the case of the next number, receive due notice when letters will be required.

PERSONALS AND NEWS ITEMS.

LA. BETA EPSILON.—Bro. Edward Rightor responded to the toast to "The Senior Partner" at the annual banquet of the Louisiana Bar Association, held at the St. Charles, Saturday night, April 27, 1901. The response was a very clever one and reflected great credit on our able brother.

O. GAMMA KAPPA.—Bro. Lamar T. Beman, has a well-written article on "Adelbert and its surroundings" in the *Adelbert* for April.

S. C. BETA XI.—We have been informed of the death of Bro. C. J. Huguenin at Atlanta, Ga., in February last. He was graduated at the college of Charleston in 1895. He then took a Ph. D. degree in English at Johns Hopkins with high honors. He was professor of English at the college at Baton Rouge, La.

ALA. BETA BETA.—Bro. John H. Watkins, of Opelika, Ala., delivered the oration on the occasion of the anniversary debate, of the Clariosophic Literary Society. Subject: "Monument Building." The effort did justice to the occasion and the man.

Bro. A. Adams is now in the employ of the firm of Gully & Christian.

Bro. F. M. Peterson, D. D., president of the Girls' Industrial School at Montevallo, Ala., was in the city a few days since

R. I. GAMMA DELTA.—Bro. H. E. Griffith is in the electrical department of the Chicago Elevated Railway.

Bro. D. L. Nash has been elected a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Bro. H. S. Pratt has a position with the American Woolen Co., Lawrence, Mass.

Bro. P. C. Jack is attending the Harvard Law School.

TENN. OMEGA.—On May 21st, 1901, Bro. Cotesworth C. Pinckney and Miss Elsie Morris, one of Louisville's fairest daughters, were married in that city.

TENN. BETA PI.—Bro. R. E. L. Saner, special land agent for the University of Texas, has been doing special work in his department, and has been highly commended by the chairman of the Board of Regents for the result he has achieved.

ALA. ALPHA EPSILON.—Bro. Alexander J. Mitchell is in charge of the United States Weather Bureau for Florida and is stationed at Jacksonville.

ALA. BETA DELTA.—This chapter issued very tastily engraved invitations for a commencement cotillion, on Tuesday evening, June 4th, 1901, at the City hall, at the University of Alabama. The editor greatly regrets his inability to attend.

MICH. ALPHA MU.—Bro. George Tolford, of Adrian, has finished his year's work at the Detroit Dental College and is home for commencement.

Bro. Ray Morgan, '97, is now practicing law with a prominent Detroit firm in the Moffit building. He is one of our most enthusiastic alumni, and is working out a plan for our house, which he will present at our reunion.

Bro. Wilfred Mountjoy is a bank clerk at his home in Chagrin Falls, O. He recently remembered the chapter with a letter and a substantial check, with his A. T. O. indorsement on it.

Bro. Scott, who became a member of Alpha Mu in '95 is now editor of the Woman's Home Companion, near Chicago.

Bro. L. D. Swisher has moved here with his family from West Virginia, and will make another strong addition to our *fratres in urbe*.

PENN. ALPHA IOTA.—Bro. Harry K. Lantz graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Chicago, and expects to locate at Frankfort, Ind.

Bro. Max Erdman is a candidate for district attorney of Lehigh county.

Bro. Arthur G. Beck is studying law in Allentown.

The engagement of Bro. Luther W. Fritch, of Macungie, Pa., and Miss Cora Clauser, of Allentown, Pa., has been announced.

PENN ALPHA RHO.—Bro. Haldeman Bigler is chemist for the Robeson Iron Co., Ltd, of Robeson, Pa.

N. Y. ALPHA OMICRON.—Bro. Chauncey W. Martyn is a director of both the Hamilton and Colonial clubs of Chicago.

O. BETA RHO.—Bro. D. M. Hammat is located at Williamstown, W. Va.

TENN. BETA TAU.—Bro. W. G. Mahaffey was forced to quit school on account of his eyes giving out.

Bros. D. D. Shuck, J. R. Fay, S. E. Tull, and J. W. Dickens attended the Southern Baptist convention, held at New Orleans recently. While they were there, they visited Beta Epsilon at Tulane University. It is needless to say they were given a warm and hearty reception.

Bros. J. F. Ray and D. D. Shuck have acquired quite an enviable reputation in fighting the saloon. They are, respectively, pastors of fine churches. Also they not only put whiskey out of the towns in which they are pastors, but they are carrying on their work elsewhere.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

YOU can obtain copies of the Fraternity Catalogue of 360 pages from the chairman of the catalogue committee at 75 cents per copy; also engraved certificates of membership for \$5, proceeds going to chapter house fund.

Answer all communications from grand officers *at once*.

You must have a letter in *each* number of the PALM, or the \$5 fine provided by Congress for failure to do so will be strictly enforced. It should contain all the news, but must be condensed as much as possible on account of the large number of chapters.

Notice will be given correspondents later as to time of publication of No. 4, Vol. XXI, and of the date when it is necessary to forward chapter letters.

Punctuate carefully and write plainly. Be very particular about making the spelling of names legible.

Send in all the personals and clippings you can, *separate from your chapter letter*.

Follow the form of the heading of letters as they appear in the PALM, giving merely the name of chapter, college and town. Dates and all other superfluous matter should be omitted. An observance of this rule will save the editor much time.

Owing to the large number of chapters, chapter letters must not exceed 500 words. Bear this in mind. Never write on both sides of the sheet for publication.

See that your chapter's PALM dues are paid promptly *in advance* for each active member. Every active member *must* subscribe for the PALM. *This requirement must be strictly complied with.*

Be a little careful about the use of superlatives and general boastfulness. Be enthusiastic, but not bombastic. Your fraternity is the best there is, and she does not need constant strained panegyrics.

ALA. ALPHA EPSILON, ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE,
AUBURN.

Ala. Alpha Epsilon again greets her sister chapters. We enjoyed reading the Congress number of the PALM immensely and few among us have failed to read it from cover to cover.

Our final examinations begin next week and all are on their toes for the final stretch. We loose this year by graduation Brothers Meriwether, McGehee, Smith, Arnold, Wills and Hearen.

Bro. McGehee, who has been our W. M. for the three terms, will be succeeded by Bro. Gray. Bro. Smith, our W. C., by Bro. Taber, Bro. Arnold, W. K. E., by Bro. Collins; Bro. Meriwether, W. K. A., by Bro. Sistrunk. Our other new officers are W. Scribe, J. McDuffie, W. Usher, W. H. Wiley, W. Sentinel, W. H. Cooper, PALM correspondent, J. D. Hudson. Bro. Rush, '99, of Selma, is again with us.

Bro. Dixonson, Ga. Alpha Theta, Bro. Bailey, Ala. Beta Beta, and Bro. Bowen, Ga. Alpha Theta, visited us this month and their visits were highly appreciated by all. We hope to see more of them again soon, as we did our best to draw from them promises of future visits.

1900-01 has been one of the most successful years in the history of the chapter.

Brother McGehee is a lieutenant, took first honor in pharmacy course last year, won the medal for best drilled man in "D" Company and is on the Hop Committee.

Bro. Smith is assistant editor-in-chief of the *Orange and Blue*, our college weekly, and a member of the track team. He won the quarter on field day.

Bro. Wills is president of the Senior German Club and the Tennis Club. He is captain Co. C., assistant manager football team and is third base on the Varsity Nine.

Bro. Meriwether is a First Lieutenant.

Bro. Arnold is a First Lieutenant, played end on the Senior Football team, and is Editor in-chief of the *Glomerata* (The Fraternity Annual.)

Bro. Gray played guard on the Junior Football team and is a member of the Cadet Band.

Bro. Collins is a Sergeant and an assistant in agriculture.

Bro. Wiley is a Corporal and is Floor Manager of the Sophomore German Club.

Bro. McDuffie is Floor Manager of the Freshman German Club.

Bro. Matthews is a Pitcher on the Varsity Nine.

We begin the next year with 14 men.

We are still laboring hard for the chapter house and have raised \$150.00 towards the end this year.

We wish all chapters a successful year and all Alpha Taus a *very* pleasant summer.

H. M. SMITH, Cor.

ALA. BETA BETA, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, GREENSBORO.

The time is rapidly drawing near when we shall once more turn our backs upon the walls of our Alma Mater. Commencement exercises are scheduled for June 9th to 12th. True to the record which has been made by those who have gone before, we shall be represented by a full delegation on that occasion. Bro. W. W. McGehee will speak in the Sophomore contest; Bros. W. P. Chilton, F. E. Chapman and T. M. Purcell, in the Junior Oratorical contest. Bro. D. E. Shoaff, in the Senior Oratorical contest, and Bro. C. L. Chilton, Jr., in the contest for Societies' medal.

We are making preparations for a general reunion of Alumni in June, for the purpose of strengthening our general condition and stirring all to more enthusiastic efforts toward the building of a chapter house. Bro. A. C. Davis succeeded in persuading several of the loyal Alumni in Birmingham to contribute a handsome sum for this purpose a few weeks since.

A banquet will be given at the hospitable home of Col. L. J. Lawson on the evening of June 13. Several appropriate speeches are being arranged, and Bro. George Stoves, of Huffman, Ala., will be the Alumni Orator. Fair daughters of A. T. O. will not be wanting, and a most delightful occasion is expected. Every Alumnus is urged to come.

We lose two brothers by graduation; Bro. D. E. Shoaff, A. B., and Bro. C. L. Chilton, A. M.

Bro. E. M. Elliott, of Moundville, Ala., and Bro. H. D. McCarty, of Anniston Ala., were in the city a few days ago.

T. M. PURCELL, Cor.

ALA. BETA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF ALA., TUSCALOOSA.

This finds us preparing for final examinations and commencement, which begins June 5th. There will be five fraternity Germans during commencement week and, of course, the Alpha Tau is one of them. No other exercises will be on the night which we have selected, June 4th, and we are making preparations for

the entertainment of a large crowd of Alumni, besides other friends in college.

A meeting of the Pan-Hellenic Council of the University has been called for the purpose of agreeing upon a definite time after the beginning of school before pledging men for fraternities. As it is now, this "spiking" begins even before school and every one complains over the bad state of affairs.

We recently had a misfortune of losing three men, they having been dismissed on the charge of having egg-nogg in their rooms. All were excellent young men in every particular. The students and state press have been very outspoken in pronouncing it unjust, especially, in the case of Bro. Drennen. Bro. Drennen was one of the four leaders of the late "rebellion" that caused the resignation of the President and Commandant, and many think his dismissal was determined upon in a spirit of retaliation.

In the Lion's Head Club, a social club recently organized, composed of picked men from all the fraternities, we are represented by four out of thirteen men in the club.

We lose five men by graduation this year, have already lost three by resignation from college and three by dismissal, so this leaves only four to return next year. The alumni should make special effort to strengthen the chapter and be sure to notify us of all available material coming from their vicinity.

Best wishes to sister chapters.

M. W. HARDY, Cor.

CAL. GAMMA IOTA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY.

With greetings to our sister chapters, we wish to introduce to you our youngest, Bro. W. L. Copeland, born the last of March. He is a Soph., and in him we prophesy strong support for the parental tree.

At a recent meeting those to serve the chapter were elected as follows: Bro. Plumb, W. M.; Bro. Brener, W. C.; Bro. Shaffer W. K. E.; Bro. Talmage, W. U.; Bro. Austin, W. S.

We have secured the right man for manager; he has, with business ability and economic methods, carried us through the perils of a beginning. Bro. Talmage was unanimously re-elected as manager for the coming term.

Several plans have been considered in regard to our chapter home next term; but at this date we have not made a selection.

Our men are taking an active part in College and Class affairs. Bro. Palmer is, besides being a member of the Gen. Comtt. of

Arg'ts., for Class Week, Chairman of the Comtt. of Arg'ts, for the morning exercises of Class Day. Bro. Van Ornum was chairman of Comtt. of Arg'ts for the Sophomore dance. Bro. Austin and Bro. Hamlen are both on committees for the Freshman dance. Bro. Lashler has been promoted to a sargeantcy in the University Cadets.

Although we are next to the infant fraternity in the University, our efforts are appreciated and our influence is spreading. Bro. Peck was appointed as Instructor of English in a Japanese University and when last heard from, had arrived at his post. Bro. Ellis has left us to fill the position of Asst. Agriculturist in a Southern California beet sugar district.

Bro. Peck and Bro. Ellis are both to be congratulated and may shortly introduce Alpha Tau sisters.

Our first birthday was celebrated by a banquet at the California Hotel in San Francisco; good cheer was the order of the evening. Bro. R. B. Daggett, of Cornell Beta Theta, acted as toastmaster. We were fortunate to have with us Brothers Nichols and McKnight, of Cornell Beta Theta, Bros. Berlin and Manson, of the Virginia Delta, as well as Bro. Bishop Hamilton, of Ohio Alpha Nu.

The event gave us that feeling of unity which extended to all the chapters of Alpha Tau.

C. L. BIGELOW, Cor.

GA. ALPHA THETA, EMORY COLLEGE, OXFORD.

Our number has been increased by the addition of our worthy brother O. Eugene Houser, of Grovania, Georgia, and we take great pleasure in presening him to our noble brotherhood.

The beginning of fall term of 1901 will mark the absence of four brothers who go out to struggle with the world.

Bro. Powell T. West, who left college to accept a position with the Cable Piano Co., has favored us with a very pleasant visit.

Bro. Houser was compelled to leave college on account of sickness.

Bro. Bailey, Ala. Beta Beta, and Bro. Jno. Bowen, alumnus of Alpha Theta, recently visited our town.

Our commencement house party, which takes place the 8th of June, which will be attended by Misses Louise Little, Emily Graves, Lucy Graves, Susie Hunter, Claudia Clark, Pauline Daly, Banks and Miss Lucile Banks, and others are invited and ex-

pected to be present. We are expecting also quite a number of visiting brothers, and the occasion bids fair to be a perfectly delightful one.

We received more speaker's places than any frat. competing. Bros. G. Sullivan, of 1904, Osborne, Banks, Wiggins, Quillian F., of 1903, Quillian, C., of 1902, Farmer and Quillian W. F., 1901, will be our representatives on the commencement stage.

HENRY EDWARDS MOORE, Cor.

GA. ALPHA ZETA, MERCER UNIVERSITY, MACON.

Alpha Zeta will end this college term with a reception to her lady friends and alumni Monday evening, the third. We have won a full share of college honors this year both athletic and literary, and are laying plans with our alumni throughout the state for an increase in our chapter next term.

With kindest greetings to sister chapters and cordial welcome to our new chapters.

W. COLE JONES, Cor.

GA. BETA IOTA, GA. INST. OF TECHNOLOGY, ATLANTA.

Since our last letter, things have been quiet around this college. All interest seems to be centered on athletics, baseball, particularly. On March the fifteenth, under the management of Bro. Cole, a farce comedy entitled, "Who Kissed My Wife," was presented by the Athletic Association, at the Grand Opera House. Quite a large crowd was present to witness the first appearance of Tech students on the stage. The play was a success, both from a financial and theatrical standpoint. The proceeds went for the support of the baseball team.

Our baseball team has won a good many games, and hopes to win the championship of the south.

Bro. Merry deserves a great deal of credit for the way in which he has managed the team.

He has made the most successful manager in the history of college.

Bro. Harrison has been very ill with pneumonia, but we are glad to state that he is up, and fast improving.

On May the thirty-first, Ga. Beta Iota will give a dance at the Kimball House. We intend to make this the swellest affair given by a fraternity in this city. Beta Iota feels very much encouraged over its present condition financially, and as to the number of members. We will lose only one by graduation this

year, and expect not to have less than fifteen men return next year.

We wish all sister chapters prosperity

W. A. YOUNG, Cor.

ILLS. GAMMA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN.

Since our last letter, our chapter roll has received two valuable additions: Bro. Fairfield, professor of French in the university, and Bro. Maurice Eisner.

We have had several good men on review for the past month or so and probably in our next letter will be able to report one or two more loyal wearers of the maltese cross.

On April twenty-sixth, we gave our sixth annual banquet which was a thoroughly successful event. Brothers Flory and Ingle, from Indiana Gamma Gamma, were with us on that occasion.

Bro. Dwight Haussler, who left school last year, was lately appointed U. S. consular agent to Sonneberg, Germany, and has left for Germany. He paid the chapter a visit while on his way to Chicago.

The prospects for a good chapter next year are very bright, although we will lose seven of our men by graduation.

We extend our best wishes to our sister chapters.

W. N. DUNNING, Cor.

IND. GAMMA GAMMA, ROSE POLY, INST., TERRE HAUTE

We have, at last, made arrangements to move into a chapter house. Four of our brothers are living in the house now and the rest will move in next fall.

Bro. Huthsteiner, '01, was compelled to leave school on account of the sickness of his father. He will not be able to graduate this year on that account.

Bro. Crebs has quit school but will probably be back next year.

Bro. Rust, who did not return last fall on account of his health, will be with us again next fall.

One of our Alumni, Bro. Montgomery, who is in Chicago, will be married in the middle part of June.

CHEN. HOUSUM, Cor

LA BETA EPSILON, TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS.

The time is not far off when the University will once more close its doors for the summer months. Since the advent of Dr

Alderman into the educational field of New Orleans and Louisiana, Tulane has made wonderful strides in development. The Tilton Memorial Library is fast building, and the plans for the new dormitory and for the refectory have been submitted; so that, by the opening of next session, there will be three new, beautiful buildings on Tulane Campus. This is only the beginning of a bright future. Only a few days ago was made a donation of books to the English department of the library. This and other such circumstances go to show that the people are beginning to recognize the advantages and needs of the university; and the awakening to these facts foretells prosperity.

Of course this means a great deal to Beta Epsilon, for the fraternity is always influenced by its surroundings.

As long as Tulane lives and prospers, so long will Alpha Tau remain in the position she has assumed. As long as we remain true to our noble principles, true to the bonds that bind us into everlasting friendship and fraternity, we shall be invincible.

Long before this is published, the great meet of the Southern Inter-collegiate Athletic Association will have taken place. Beta Epsilon will be represented by Bro. C. L. Eshleman, who is well known in Southern athletic circles; Bro. Chas. Green, G. L. Dupré, Jr., I. S. Eshleman and Jno. Janvier will also take part. Three of the largest of Southern universities will be the guests of Tulane, Vanderbilt, Texas and North Carolina. Each contesting college expects to carry off the palm of victory. Since the outcome will be known before this reaches any readers, if Tulane is so unfortunate as to lose this meet, we wish to congratulate the victor.

We are sorry to say that Bro. J. C. Rathbone has left us with the intention of taking up a course at Yale. Bro. Rathbone was one of our most promising young brothers, and we are sure to miss his beaming countenance.

Among the Alpha Taus in our city, Bro. W. B. Thompson, who has lately passed away, was most loved and esteemed by all. As a token of our appreciation of his noble qualities as a man and as an Alpha Tau, we have drawn up the resolutions which appear on another page of the PALM.

Our officers for the last term are: Bro. H. L. Eustis, W. M.; Bro. C. L. Eshleman, W. C.; Bro. G. L. Dupré, Jr., W. K. A.; Bro. R. Leverich, W. K. E.; Bro. Jno. Janvier, W. Scr.; Bro. I. S. Eshleman, W. U.; Bro. Gerald O'Connor, W. S.

W. K. LEMERICH, Cor.

MASS. GAMMA BETA, TUFTS COLLEGE.

For Gamma Beta the year has been a prosperous one in every respect and she still holds her same high place in the college, a characteristic position of all Alpha Taus.

We shall lose six men by graduation, all of whom have places promised them. And already two of our senior brothers have left college, having obtained positions. Bro. Tucker has gone to Pennsylvania and Bro. Chilson, to Michigan. They will both get their degrees. The loss of all of these brothers will be felt not only in the chapter but also in the college.

About the first of May we held a "smoker" at our chapter house, at which a few of our alumni brothers and all the chapter were present. Everyone passed an enjoyable evening.

All of our present brothers, excepting seniors, intend to be back again next fall to begin another year of growth. Already we have our eyes on some men who, we think, will make sturdy A. T. O's.

With best wishes to all sister chapters

F. L. SHAW, Cor.

ME. BETA UPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, ORONO.

The past year has been a very successful one for our chapter.

We will soon lose three men this coming commencement, by graduation,—Bros. H. P. Hoyt, P. R. Keller and R. G. Wormell.

Repairs and improvements have been made on our chapter house, and it is now second to none at the University of Maine.

We have three men pledged who will enter the University next fall.

We are looking forward to the coming year as one of usual prosperity.

A. L. WHIPPLE, Cor.

ME. GAMMA ALPHA, COLBY COLLEGE, WATERTOWN.

Gamma Alpha seems to be passing thro a crisis just at present, but we hope she will survive the struggle and come out on top. We are not yet reinstated in our hall, but hold meetings at the house of one of our members.

As usual, we have secured our proportionate share of honors this spring. Among others may be mentioned that Bro. Richards, '01, is treasurer and chairman of the class committee, and hence, assumes the chief share of responsibility in arranging for Commencement, Senior Hop, etc.

Bro. Bakeman will, without doubt, be elected to Phi Beta

Kappa. Bro. Withee has been busy as Editor-in-chief of the college annual. Bro's. E. L. and E. W. Allen are members of the college team, which stands second in the state and has an even chance of being first. Bro. Bartlett is playing on the city team. We have four men, Bakeman, Larsson, Knowles and Withee on the representative track team.

Six of our men graduate this spring, leaving but seven in the chapter, if Bro. Wood returns to college, as is expected. With this class of seven and with the aid of our alumni, we hope to recover from the temporary drawback we are suffering

H. L. WITHEE, Cor.

MICHIGAN ALPHA MU. ADRIAN COLLEGE, ADRIAN.

Since our last letter to the PALM, our chapter has sustained a loss in the calling home of Bro. Ochampaugh, on account of the serious illness of his father. His loss is felt keenly in college musical circles, he being one of the best musicians in school.

Alpha Mu is preparing to welcome back her alumni Commencement time in large numbers. A reunion of three days will be conducted, celebrating the twentieth year of its establishment. The active chapter has the matter in hand and is planning for a big time.

We have ordered a convention picture and will place it with the preceeding conventions in our hall.

Alpha Tau Omega is showing herself in every department of college activity this spring. While the other fraternities outnumber us now, nearly two to one, a careful estimate shows that we hold twice the important college positions they have. The test of a chapter is what it accomplishes. These are some of the positions we hold; Athletics, manager baseball team, captain track team; president athletic association, two members on board of control; Literary: captain of two class teams, four members on football team; President Star society, three positions on College *World*, orator in the society contest; commencement; two class presidents besides minor positions. In the recent Arbor day exercises three of the five orators were Alphas.

The chapter extends the good wishes of the order to all sister chapters and wishes them a pleasant commencement time.

CLARENCE E. WILCOX, Cor.

MICH. BETA KAPPA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE, HILLSDALE.

It gives us pleasure to look back upon our efforts to keep apace with the progress of the fraternity and since the time has

arrived at which we see whether or not our efforts have been in vain, there is further cause for rejoicing. As to debt, there is none. We successfully keep a house and find it far superior to any method of having a lodge or hall. No time spent in school is quite equal to that in the "house."

This year Bro. Trace won the oratorical prize and is to represent the college in the state oratorical contest. The organization has been extant four years and Beta Kappa has had three of the representatives, the fourth being a lady, with two A. T. O's trying for second place.

The men who successfully competed in athletic events last year are in training now and we feel confident they will meet all expectations. We have conducted no social function since the last letter but are now planning one to occur during this month.

The Michigan Intercollegiate field day will be held here this spring and several of the sister chapters will no doubt visit us.

The outlook for the coming year is by no means dark; although we graduate six men, with the new initiates and those now pledged, there seems no reason why we should not maintain the same high standard as formerly.

B. S. ALWARD, Cor.

MICH. BETA OMICRON, ALBION COLLEGE, ALBION.

Since the last PALM, we have initiated Bro. Glen Holmes and pledged Arthur Miller.

Bro. Wm. Smith left us at the beginning of the term to accept a position as chemist at Stroh, Ind.

In athletics our men are at the top, and expect to win honors both for themselves and the fraternity they represent, at the field day meet at Hillsdale June 7th and 8th.

Bro. Marshall has the highest batting average of all the baseball men.

Bro. Sexton led the debating team that won two victories for the college: One over Alma College, the other over Allegheny College at Meadville, Pa.

Preparations are being made for our annual reunion banquet to be held at the close of the term. An unusually enjoyable time is anticipated.

MERLE C. YOKOM, Cor.

N. C. ALPHA DELTA, UNIV. OF N. C., CHAPEL HILL.

The end of another college year is at hand. It has been a prosperous season for Alpha Delta, and as we will lose no brothers

from graduation, we have a guarantee for continued prosperity next year.

Nothing of interest has occurred in connection with the chapter since the last letter, with the exception of the initiation of Bro. Burke Bridgers, of Wilmington, N. C., class 1903.

I should not forget to mention the recent advent of Bro. Jas. C. McRae, Jr., into political life. He was elected as mayor of Chapel Hill, only five dissenting votes being cast against him at election. This is a stepping stone for higher things; so the Bros. need not be surprised if they hear of Bro. McRae in the halls of Congress, or some other position of responsibility.

THOS. C. WORTH, Cor.

N. Y. ALPHA LAMBDA, COLUMBIA UNIV., NEW YORK CITY.

Alpha Lambda reports decided prosperity in numerous lines. We have recently initiated Bros. H. S. Brown, '03 of Cleveland, O., R. Cole, '03, of Fargo, N. D., and W. H. Nichols and G. R. Seikell, of New York. Bro. Nichols, who completes his Ph. D. course in history this year, has been elected to the chair of History and Political Science in the Univ. of Colorado. Alpha Lambda has thus the pleasure of presenting to Gamma Lambda, the baby chapter, a *frater in facultate*.

Bro. Mercereau is now W. M., Bro. Wells, W. C., Bro. Pullich, W. K. E., Bro. Blakely, W. U., Bro. Heck, W. S., Bro. Shenkawitz, W. K. A., and Bro. Brown, W. Sen. Bros. Pullich and Blakely represent the chapter on the gymnasium team, and Bro. Pullich, on the glee club. In evidence of the scholarship of the chapter, Bros. Fall and Phillips hold fellowships in comparative literature and history, respectively. Bro. Phillips has been appointed Schiff fellow in political science for 1901-2. Bro. Hopkins was appointed fellow in chemistry, but was obliged to decline, because of having accepted a position in the West. Bro. Pitkin has been awarded a scholarship in law, and Bro. Mercereau, a scholarship in the college.

Our chapter has recently had two very pleasant joint meetings with the New York Alumni Association. Alpha Lambda is fortunate in having the cordial support of the provincial chief and the city alumni.

We are planning with all our faculties to secure a chapter house for the next season. If our hopes and prospects are realized, October will find the Alpha Taus at Columbia quartered together in an Alpha Tau House. The chapter is resolved, with a degree of resolution which can hardly fail. The alumni are

with us; so, with a pull all together we must reach the chapter house.

We will be glad to learn of any prospective affiliates for the next year.

ULRICH B. PHILLIPS, Cor.

N. Y. ALPHA OMICRON, ST. LAWRENCE UNIV., CANTON.

As it nears commencement time again, Alpha Omicron is happily receiving her usual share of honors and Phi Beta Kappa keys.

We lose five men this year by graduation, Bro. Harry Duncan, who will enter Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, Pa., in September, Bro. J. P. Heath, who will go into business, and Bros. E. Quinn, J. D. Stark and J. B. Laidlaw, who expect to enter the teaching profession.

On April 12th, occurred the annual event of St. Lawrence social life, the "Alpha Ball" with its usual success. The decorations, music and refreshments have never been surpassed. When the "grand march" was completed the company found themselves arranged forming a huge Maltese cross.

Bro. Irving Bacheller, author of Eben Holden, dropped in to dine with us a few days ago. He is to spend the summer with Andrew Carnegie in Scotland.

At the annual Field Day, Bro. F. H. Emerson broke the record in the mile run by fifteen seconds. This record had been held by ex-President J. C. Lee since '76. Bro. B. M. Duncan broke the record in 220 yard dash, running in 23 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Alpha Omicron sends greeting to our new chapters and is glad to see A. T. O., building up in the far West.

St Lawrence has recently received additional endowments to the extent of \$100,000 through the efficient efforts of our new president, Almon Gunnison. A new science building will soon be erected and the campus otherwise, beautified.

Alpha Omicron will be located in more commodious and convenient quarters in September, having rented a large and well appointed club house near the campus. Our prospects for building are brighter than ever before.

J. D. CLARK, Cor.

N. Y. BETA THETA, CORNELL UNIV., ITHACA.

During the last few months, we have had the pleasure of having with us quite a few of the old brothers. This is something which we particularly are glad to note; for nothing is better than to know that our old men have not forgotten us. During

Senior week we expect to give a university dance. Several of the old men have decided to spend that week with us.

Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Delta Phi have both taken steps toward the erection of a new lodge, and the Delta Phis have purchased a very desirable home. Our prospects for next year are very bright. We take pleasure in introducing our new brother L. B. Taylor, of Indiana, Pa.

H. B. McMAHAN.

NEB., GAMMA THETA UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN.

Nebraska Gamma Theta in sending its commencement greeting to the Palm this year is justified, I believe, in speaking more encouragingly of the prospect of the chapter than at any former time. While the number of our initiates has not been so large as in some former years. I feel assured in saying, that the personnel of the chapter never was stronger.

Last fall we were somewhat handicapped by the fact that we found it necessary to move our quarters, which interfered to some extent with our entertainment of freshmen, which is so necessary at the beginning of a term. However, the superiority of our new home is more than recompense for any loss sustained in obtaining it.

Our present active membership is twenty. But among this number are several seniors, whose influence and support we will lose at the end of the school year.

Our chapter now has a full equipment of all the necessary paraphernalia, which adds much to the impressiveness of the initiatory ceremonies, and the meetings in general. For this valuable addition, we are indebted to the generosity of brother Ralph Folsom.

Socially, Gamma Theta ranks second to no other organization in the University, and throughout the year we gave several parties at the chapter house which added much to our comparative standing among the other fraternities.

The annual banquet which was the crowning success of the year, was held at the chapter house May 25, and was largely attended by the alumni. Much benefit was derived from the encouragement and advice of those who were instrumental in bringing Alpha Tau to the University of Nebraska.

The birth of Colorado Gamma Lambda and its promised success has given a new impetus to the cause of Western extension. Next year we hope to be able to greet a new and flourishing chapter at the chief institution of learning of a neighboring

State, lately visited by a committee of three of our chapter who brought back favorable reports.

Financially, Gamma Theta has, we believe, passed through the critical period that all new chapters must undergo, and we have great hopes of beginning the new year on a better financial basis than ever before. We trust that we can make the success of our chapter such as to incite a more lively spirit among some of our Eastern brothers in regard to the subject of building up chapters in some of the leading Western Universities where other fraternities already have flourishing organizations.

FREDERICK A. SUTTER, Correspondent.

OHIO ALPHA NU, MOUNT UNION COLLEGE, ALLIANCE.

Alpha Nu is closing a year of unusually successful fraternity work, and her prospects for the next year are bright. Although we shall lose five men by graduation, the chapter next fall will easily take precedence of our rivals.

During this term we have initiated four men, Guy Ohl, '04 Emory Powell, '04, Herman B. Davis, '04 and H. R. Snyder, '03

In athletics, Bro. Jenkins plays on the baseball team; in the tennis tournament with Wooster, Bro. Scranton played the singles, Bros. Powell and Hobson, doubles. Bro. Frank Cart is tennis manager.

Bro. Finley has been elected president of the State Oratorical Association.

Bro. Guy Allot is editor of the college paper—The Dynamo—Bro. Powell, business manager.

Alpha Nu will be represented by three members in the Class Day exercises at commencement, and by four at the inter-society contest.

At the spring elections, Bro. Hughes was elected city solicitor for Canton, and Bro. J. R. Snyder nominated for treasurer of Stark county.

With greetings and best wishes to sister chapters.

V. C. SNYDER, Cor.

OHIO ALPHA PSI, WITTENBERG COLLEGE, SPRINGFIELD

The last term much interest has been manifested in the weekly meetings of our chapter. The boys look upon this evening as the most enjoyable of any in the week. After meetings, we have engaged in "Dutch" lunches, which have been instrumental in making the ties of brotherhood more firm.

Recently Mr. Callier, '05, and Mr. Potter, '06, were pledged

These are good men and will bring us credit in the spheres of society and athletics.

Since the opening of spring, picnics have been given in an elaborate manner and these add to the evidences of the joys and value of fraternity life.

June 7, at the Arcade Hotel, the chapter will hold a banquet to which occasion are invited all Alpha Taus of the state. This is a stag banquet, and with the presence of members of other chapters and alumni associations, we will experience a very enjoyable event.

Bros. Rugh, Scheese, Simon and Laughbaum are members of this year's graduating class. These four brothers are men of much ability and will be powers in any community.

We are looking forward to entering a chapter house next year.

OTTO LARGENT, Cor.

OHIO BETA MU, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY, WOOSTER.

Our chapter now numbers twelve members, all enthusiastic and ready to advance the standard of Alpha Tau. We lose by graduation one of our most beloved brothers, long identified with the noblest aims of fraternity life, C. S. McCloskey.

Bros. Yinkey and Robinson, ex. '02, and Samuel Moore, '98, were with us during the last term. Bro. Weld, one of the best all-around athletes in school, is a member of the baseball team, captain of the basket ball team, and player on the inter-collegiate tennis quartette.

We are enjoying life this term in a very pleasant suite of rooms in one of the nicest and most conveniently located houses on College Hill. On the 17th of April, we entertained our college friends with an informal stag party. We expect many of our alumni at the commencement season.

C. F. ANDERSON, W. S.

OHIO GAMMA KAPPA, WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY, CLEVELAND.

Ohio Gamma Kappa takes advantage of her first opportunity to extend to all her sister chapters the heartiest greetings. We are in a thriving condition, and our prospects are the very brightest. There are now six national fraternities in the university, besides three local sororities, one local fraternity, several professional fraternities, Theta Nu Epsilon and Phi Beta Kappa. Alpha Tau Omega has been received in the most friendly manner by all of the older societies, the faculty and even the barbs.

We wish to correct some errors in the list of our charter members which appeared in the last issue of the PALM. Our roll is: Lamar T. Beman, '01. W. M.; Francis F. Herr, '01, W. C. and Cor.; William H. Rider, '02, W. K. E.; Herbert J. Coates, '01, W. K. A.; C. W. Shimmon, '01, W. S.; John Fish, '02, W. U.; Joseph F. Williams, '04, W. St.; William P. Lanphear, '04.; Ernest J. Reece, '03.; Edward H. Sensel, '02.; Miles R. Southworth, '02. We have also pledged Louis Englander, '04, and two members of the incoming freshman class, besides having several more good men in view. Our pledge pins have excited the curiosity of more than one outsider.

On Thursday, May 16th, we will give our first annual banquet at the Colonial Hotel. A goodly number of the alumni brothers, not to mention the A. T. O. sisters, will be present and a royal good time is anticipated. For the present, our quarters are in the Langton Block, which is near the college. We had the pleasure of visits from the following brothers: E. J. Rider, B. B. Kimmel, J. J. Lane, E. F. Eldredge and John Simons, of Ohio Alpha Nu; Paul R. Hickok, the Worthy Grand Chaplain, and C. C. Baer of Ohio Beta Mu; O. W. Carpenter, L. B. Foote, and S. L. Colvin, of Ohio Beta Eta, and H. C. Schwable of Indiana Gamma Gamma.

There are about forty alumni brothers in this city who have encouraged us in many ways and often given us points of valuable advice. Under their tutelage we cannot help soon developing into a robust chapter, deeply imbued with the true Alpha Tau Omega spirit. We also wish to express our gratitude to those energetic brothers who were instrumental in bringing our chapter into existence, especially to Bro. E. J. Shives, of Pittsburgh, who did not rest, we take it, until the initiation was over.

We wish success to the PALM and to every brother of A. T. O., wherever he may be.

FRANCIS F. HERR, Cor.

OHIO BETA OMEGA, STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS.

It is with great pleasure that Ohio Beta Omega takes this opportunity to inform the members of Alpha Tau Omega of the success we have obtained this year in all branches of the Ohio State University.

In the past year we have initiated seven men and received one affiliate; we have secured captain of the football and track teams for next year, treasurer and secretary of the Athletic Board, and director of the Mandolin and Guitar Club; we have been repre-

sented this year on all the athletic teams; have the chairman of senior social committee, representatives on the Mandolin and Guitar Club; we have paid all our debts from the year before (with the exception of the PALM and that has been arranged for) and also all of our running expenses.

In the last part of April we gave a very successful smoker at the Great Southern Hotel; besides our own chapter and alumni we had brothers present from Wittenberg, Mt. Union, Wooster and Delaware; all in all, it was a very successful entertainment.

We expect to open college next year with a chapter of sixteen and no debts; also we will go into a large chapter house, situated very near to the college.

GEO. M. PARSONS, Cor.

PENN. ALPHA IOTA, MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, ALLENTOWN,

Our active chapter roll at present contains the names of twenty-five brothers. As debutants in the world of A. T. O. we present Bros. Neff, '03, Wertman, '03, Reutzheimer, '04, and Keller, '04.

Bro. Neff was elected president of the class of 1903, and at their class banquet, held in New York City, presided as toast master. Bros. H. W. Shimer, Walborn and Wertman responded to toasts.

Bro. H. E. Shimer, '01, represented Muhlenberg in the Inter-collegiate Oratorical Contest held at Gettysburg. He visited Pa. Alpha Upsilon, and was received and entertained as only Alpha Taus know how.

In the class-day exercises of 1901, Bro. Worth is master-of ceremonies. Bros. Benner, Shimer, H. E., and Schell are on the program.

Bro. Freed, '02, will manage the basket-ball team next season

Bro. Shimer, '01, is manager of the baseball team.

Bro. Bickel, '01, is president of the Euterpean Literary Society.

Bro. Freed is president of the class of 1902.

We are represented on the Glee Club by Bros. Bickel, '01, and Geisinger, '03.

Our baseball slate this year contains the names of Bros. Geiger, '02, Freed, '02, and Keller, '04.

Bro. Dennis, '04, is business manager of the Freshman play.

Some time ago our sick-list was quite extended, but at present we are glad to state that we are all actively engaged.

With best wishes for the welfare and prosperity of our sister chapters.
J. H. WORTH, Cor.

PENN. ALPHA PI, WASH. AND JEFF. COLLEGE, WASHINGTON.

It is with great pleasure that we again extend most cordial greetings and sincere fraternal love to all loyal Alpha Taus and sister chapters.

So far, Alpha Pi has been very successful in her work. We have pledged two most excellent men, Chas. A. Tuit, '04, of Uniontown, Pa., and Frank E. McKeever, '04, of Harrison City, Pa. Both stand well in their classes and are reckoned very popular among their fellow students.

We are on the best of terms with the other fraternities. and our advent seems to have caused little, if any, ill feeling. Almost all of our members have fraternity pins. We have secured a chapter hall, and have it very comfortably furnished; however, we have obtained a house for next fall and feel confident of being able to hold our own in rushing the new men.

We have had several delightful visits from Bro. E. J. Shives, of Wilkinsburg. Bro. Shives is a continual source of inspiration to us, because of his advice and aid in starting us aright. Bros. Clyde Christ and Clark Auterson, of Ohio Beta Mu, have visited us during the past month.

Bro. Hays, '02, has been chosen Orator in the inter-society contest.

Bros. Bradshaw and Hough have been selected as two of the six juniors to compete in the Junior Oratorical Contest at our next Commencement. Bro. Stevenson was lately elected scribe of the "Philo and Union" Society.

Bro. Brooks is president of the Freshman and Bro. Kuder, of the Junior Class. Bro. Bradshaw is business manager of the 1902 *Pandora* (our Junior Year Book); and Bros. Kuder and Minehart are on the Board of Editors.

The chapter has recently adopted a new set of By-Laws.

We join in wishing success and happiness to Alpha Taus and Alpha Tau Omega everywhere.
E. W. MARSHALL, Cor.

PENN. ALPHA UPSILON, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE, GETTYSBURG.

Since the last report, we have lost Bro. Enniss from the chapter. He has entered the Penn. Military College at Chester, Pa. We have pledged another Freshman and will add his name to the roll of Alpha Taus before the end of the term.

Bro. Rinard '03, is playing at short stop on the 'varsity base

ball team. Our team has won eight games, tied 1, and lost but three this year so far.

Bro. Frey has been chosen Valedictorian of the class of 1901. This is the third time in four years that an A. T. O. has held this honor at Gettysburg.

Bro. Speer will captain the football team next season.

Bro. Rentz has been elected Ass't Business Manager of the weekly *Gettysburgian*.

Bros. J. A. and W. G. Smyser have been elected members of the town band. They are able musicians and will help to raise the standard of the organization. CHAS. D. SPEER, Cor.

PENN. TAU, UNIVERSITY OF PENN., PHILADELPHIA.

At each writing we feel more encouraged. True, we have met with discouragements. Men whom we counted on have been unable to join, and one who was especially promising was taken sick with typhoid fever and will not return until next fall.

Encouragements have also been our share. One of the Vice-Provosts of the University has offered to help us, and is going to look around for good men and help us to secure them.

The reestablishment of a chapter is no easy task. We heartily congratulate the brothers of Tennessee Pi and Pennsylvania Alpha Pi for the work which they have done, and hope that we shall meet with the same measure of success. We welcome the new brothers of Ohio Gamma Kappa and Col. Gamma Lambda, and send our fraternal greetings to all our sister chapters.

FRANK N. D. BUCHMAN, Cor.

R. I. GAMMA DELTA, BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE.

The last days of the winter term and the spring term thus far have been busy times at Brown. The present junior class has inaugurated very successfully a new feature of college life here, Junior Week. Bro. L. E. Young represented A. T. O. on the committee which arranges the program of concerts, dances, theatre parties, receptions and ball game. We all hope to see Junior Week a permanent institution. Our own social committee has given two more of our series of dances, one on February 6th and the other on April 25th. Both were very enjoyable occasions and at the second the pleasure of all was increased by the presence of ten brothers from Mass. Gamma Beta.

In athletics this spring we have two members on the track team, one of whom, Bro. Johnson, is practically sure of winning points in the shot, discus and hammer. Bros. Clifford and

Crocker are captains of the '03 and '04 ball teams, respectively. Bro. George Ellett Coghill was also elected this spring to the society of the Sigma Xi.

We have been fortunate enough to secure for class day the same rooms in Wilson Hall, which we used last year. These comprise nearly the entire second floor and will be used for reception, dancing, and refreshments, as last year.

The fraternity ball team, under the management of Bro. Malmstead, with Bro. Clift as captain, is preparing to meet its rivals in the college during the next few weeks.

We are glad to report that the chapter is in good condition and looking forward to a brilliant close of this college year and a successful season next fall. We have already pledged one man, Mr. Chester Waters, who will enter Brown in the class of 1905.

ROBINSON PIERCE, JR., COR.

S. C. BETA XI, COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON, CHARLESTON.

Since my last PALM letter, we have initiated Bro. Frank Slattery, '03, of Greenville, South Carolina. All the chapter and many alumni brothers were present at the initiation. The smoker which followed was another of those *howling* successes.

We lose three men this year who are in the graduation class, Bros. Mazyck, Jervy and McIver. Our numbers will be kept up next year, as we are certain of two Freshmen, at least, who will make worthy Alpha Taus.

The field will not be quite so open next year, as a chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma has been established in our college. This will in no way injure the prospects of Beta Xi, however, as there was much room here for a rival fraternity. Indeed, it may be a good thing for us.

Our semi-monthly smokers still continue. They have done much to draw around us our alumni. In fact, they seem quite popular on all sides.

In the recent election for next year's board of editors on the *College of Charleston Magazine*, Alpha Taus won the following:

Bro. E. T. H. Shaffer, Editor-in chief; Bro. M. P. Brawley, Business Manager; Bro. Frank Slattery, Collegiana, and Bro. H. A. M. Smith, Jr., Alumni Department.

S. C. Beta Xi sends best wishes for the summer to all sister chapters.

E. T. H. SHAFFER, Cor.

TENN. BETA TAU, S. W. B. UNIVERSITY, JACKSON.

Beta Tau salutes her sister chapters, and most especially the

lately initiated chapters. We know that they will show the sterling worth that characterizes the A. T. O. fraternity everywhere.

Since the last issue of the PALM we have initiated two men who, we are sure, will show themselves virtuous, true and loving A. T. O.'s. Their names are Thos. Spight and Jno. T. Harder. We have pledged one man and, with the addition of the one we pledged before Christmas, we will have two good men to initiate at the beginning of the next scholastic year.

In honors, as ever, Beta Tau is in the lead. Bro. A. V. Patton is almost sure to be the valedictorian of the class that is to graduate this year. In the mid-winter examinations out of a class of twenty-three in German, only five passed; two young ladies and three young men; two of the young men were A. T. O.'s.

And now we come to the sad part of our letter. We are to lose by graduation five of the noblest, wisest and most beloved men that have ever graced our hall with their presence. They are Bros. A. V. Patton, J. F. Ray, F. C. Flowers, J. M. Walker and W. R. Phillips.

But we have a strong reserve of Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors who will ever hold high the beloved banner of dear old Alpha Tau.

Beta Tau wishes each and every Alpha Tau a happy vacation, and may Providence preserve us all to meet again in the coming year to enjoy a friendship that never palls.

J. M. TROUTT, JR., Cor.

TENN. ALPHA TAU, S. W. PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY, CLARKSVILLE.

Nothing of any special importance has taken place since our last letter. We have our regular weekly meetings, which are held on Saturday night and are always thoroughly enjoyed and consequently, well and regularly attended.

Bro. Green is manager of the baseball team and Bro. Allen represents us on the team as short stop and pitcher.

On the class programme we are represented by Bros. Warner and W. L. Hall. Bro. Wolfe was recently elected a member of the *College Journal* staff for next year.

Examinations are nearly upon us and, as a result, everybody is exceedingly busy. We have four men in the graduating class this year.

We are making big preparation for our commencement banquet.

Tenn. Alpha Tau sends best wishes to her sister chapters everywhere.

W. W. WOLFE, Cor.

TENN. BETA PI, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE.

Again our college year draws to a close and finds Beta Pi rejoicing in her strength.

Since our last letter, Felix Weggoner Motlow, '04, has been acquainted with our ritual and bids fair to reflect honor upon the chapter.

We lose by graduation from the medical department, W. W. Jarrell, F. B. Wilson, and Jacob Ross Snyder, all good men, of course. Jake has been with us seven years, and by his departure we feel that we are left orphans.

Jno. Paschall and Thos. Kennedy, from the Academic Dep't. and Thos. Steele, Jr., from the Dep't. of Law, hope to graduate in June. Paschall has been chosen editor in chief of the *Commencement Courier*, and Kennedy, business manager of same.

A. M. Trawick, B. D., '97, one of the charter members of our chapter, and at present pastor of the M. E. Church South, Magnolia, Ark., honored the chapter with his presence a few weeks ago, and told us tales of Beta Pi in her infancy.

W. D. Weatherford, our present W. M., will teach history in the summer school.

With best wishes to all the chapters.

CHAS. H. COBB, Cor.

TENN. OMEGA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, SEWANEE.

Since the opening up of our spring term, we have taken in no new men, but have our eyes open and hope to add some good material to our little colony of A. T. O. before long. One of the reasons of our failure in this direction is the new rule that is in existence for the first time this term, which prevents a man from being taken in by a fraternity until he has been in attendance on the University for one term. The change has the sympathy of our chapter.

We lost two brothers at the close of last term, and Bro Hannum has not been able to return to college yet on account of illness. But from last reports he will soon be with us again.

Our chapter is well represented on the 'Varsity base ball three of the regulans being A. T. O.'s.

We have been giving our chapter house a thorough spring cleaning and repairing in preparation for the commencement season, when our shady lawn is the retreat for many a nest of

"featherless bipeds." For the benefit of this latter class our Garden Committee has been diligently at work on the lawn and flower beds.

Billiards is still in full swing, partly, perhaps, because the summer girl has not quite yet put in her appearance. In fact, the atmosphere is thick with challenges from representatives of the various Halls to cross cues.

The latest addition to our house is the advent of a fine piano. Music, sometimes sweet, sometimes otherwise, is constantly pouring out of the doors and windows to inform the passer by that we're "alive and kicking" vigorously.

In our next letter we hope to be able to introduce a few new brothers to the fraternity.

R. MAYNARD MARSHALL, JR., Cor.

TENN. PI, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE.

Tennessee Pi is glad to report that we are taking great care in the selection of our men, and we are only approaching those who we believe will be an honor to our glorious brotherhood. we are proud of our brother whom we have just initiated, James Howard Stakley, of Union Springs, Alabama. Bro. Stakley is a prominent member of the senior class. He is prophet for the class and also president of one of the leading literary societies.

We have had the pleasure of having with us for a short visit Bro. North, who graduates this year at Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn., and Bro. Bailey, who is now with Underwood & Underwood, of New York City.

Our chapter is recognized by our brother Greeks as being of the first order, and our prospects for next year are as bright as any fraternity's at the University.

Tennessee Pi sends her greetings to all the sister chapters.

F. M. BROCKMAN, Cor.

TEXAS GAMMA ETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN.

In this letter it is our sad duty to chronicle the death of Bro. W. Bess Thompson, who died of pneumonia on April 13th, after an illness of only a few days.

Bros. S. Key, Rector and Burns have withdrawn from school. Bro. Key, however, intends to be with us again next year.

Our baseball team has just returned from an extensive trip through the Southern states, where they won five out of the seven games played, thus entitling them to the championship of the Southwest. Bro. Burke was A. T. O.'s representative.

Bro. Dick Franklin, L L. B., '00, of Houston, Texas, nas been with us the past few days. It is needless to state that he is now enjoying that proverbial lucrative practice of the young lawyer.

W. H. THOMAS, Cor.

VT. BETA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, BURLINGTON.

Through the generosity of our alumni we are at last able to state that we have a fine modern gymnasium under construction. The building is being constructed of red brick, with the exception of the front. When completed it will contain a running track, bowling alley, shooting gallery, swimming tank, and all the modern improvements and necessities of an up-to-date gym. The building is expected to cost about \$30,000, and is contracted to be finished next fall.

Our prospects for next year are very bright. We lose by graduation Bros. Wadleigh, Carpenter and Brand, but have at present one man pledged, three more as good as pledged, and seven others under close surveillance. With a little more hard work, such as has characterized Beta Zeta history of late, and by the acquisition of a number of men who are of the real Alpha Tau standard, we will commence the year next fall at our old place *near* the top.

Bro. Guy W. Bailey, '00, of Essex Junction, was made president of the village organization at that place, last April.

At Founder's Day exercises, May 1st., Bro. Donohue, '01, was one of the two undergraduates to deliver an address. His speech was a very able production, and exceedingly well received by the students.

The English department, under the direction of Dr. Tupper, Jr., presented a short time ago Ben Jonson's old English comedy "The Silent Man." The play was staged here to a large and refined audience, from whom the participants received much praise. The boys then enjoyed a week's trip touring the state, but we understand our genial brother Dr. Tupper and backers did not enjoy as well the financial outcome of the trip. Bros. Marsh and Donohue had important parts in the cast and Bros. Hutchinson and Eaton took part in the Elizabethan audience.

A. T. O. is represented on next year's *Ariel* board by Bro. Eaton as an associate editor and Bro. Wilder, as assistant business manager.

Bro. R. D. Hoyt, '94, who has been serving in the Philippines as quartermaster's sergeant of the 26th regiment, has lately been mustered out and remained there.

Bro. R. D. Wilson, '02, has left college to accept a good position as civil engineer in New York City,

Bro. Ernest Bell, '98, of St. Albans, spent Sunday a few weeks ago with the boys.

We are represented this spring on the baseball team and squad by the two first pitchers Bro. Sedgwick, '00, R. I. Gamma Delta, and Bro. Taylor. Bro. Brand is proving himself one of the best managers the University has had for a number of years.

Bro. Wadleigh will be one of the tennis team to represent Vermont in the tournament against Dartmouth.

Bro. Fredrick Tupper, Jr., S. C. Beta Xi, '90, head of our English department, has been granted a leave of absence of one year by the faculty, which he will spend abroad in travel and study. Dr. Tupper will be missed very much, not only by the student body at large, but by our chapter in particular, in which he has shown a much appreciated interest.

CHAS. R. WILDER, Cor.

VIRGINIA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE.

Virginia Delta is fast maturing plans for a chapter house, having already closed the contract for a lot, which is well located and easily accessible to lectures. Bro. B. D. Tucker has been elected secretary and treasurer of the Academic Class. Bro. W. C. Benet is president and Bro. Bradley Walker, secretary and treasurer of the Law Class of 1902. Bro. Walker is on the baseball team and has the highest batting average for the season. Of our nineteen members in college at present, we will probably have eleven to begin work with next year, and with our present outlook for goats, 1901-2 bids fair to be one of our most prosperous years.

J. P. NASH, Cor.

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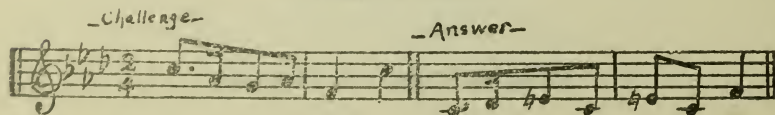
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DEATH OF GOVERNOR WILLIAM J. SAMFORD.

IN the midst of the last commencement season, one of the most distinguished of Alpha Taus was called to his eternal home.

When our Congress was in session, a despatch of congratulation and greeting was ordered sent to Governor Samford, who had reached the supreme position in public life in his state. At the time, our distinguished brother was quite seriously ill, but returned a warm fraternal greeting to the members of his fraternity. A little later it was hoped that he had fully recovered, but near the midnight hour on Tuesday night, June 11th, 1901, the struggle, which he had so manfully waged, ended in his death, after an illness of less than a week.

He had been in Tuscoloosa for several days for the purpose of taking part in the session of the trustees of the State University. He was given the best of medical attention. The disease from which he suffered, and with which he was afflicted last November and December, was a valvular affection of the heart, with nephritis complications.

He was sworn in as governor of Alabama on November 29th last, having been elected in the preceding month of August by a practically unanimous vote. It was not until the last of December, however, that he was able to go to Montgomery and assume personal charge of the routine duties of his high office. In spite of the fact that he never fully recovered his health he remained in the service of his people with rare and patriotic devotion to duty.

The services were very impressive when the funeral train

arrived in Opelika from Montgomery amid the tolling of bells. The escort consisted of Company H. of the Alabama National Guard, with the late governor's staff as a guard of honor. The body had lain in state in Montgomery for several days, and a hundred representative citizens of Opelika had acted as an escort of honor on the funeral train. A profusion of floral offerings was provided by societies and friends. The remains were taken to the residence of Capt. T. D. Samford, the governor's son and private secretary, and also a loyal member of Ala. Alpha Epsilon chapter, and were from there borne in stately procession to the Methodist church, in which Bro. Samford had been prominent and a life member. So large was the gathering of those who had come to do honor to the dead, that only a small percentage of them could find place in the commodious structure.

A quartette sang "Gathering Home," and Rev. A. L. Andrews, of Montgomery, read the favorite song of the deceased, "I will sing you a song of that beautiful land," and, after other services, Rev. Henry D. Moore, pastor of the church, delivered a touching and eloquent address, in which he paid a splendid tribute to the qualities and career of our distinguished brother. Others followed in heartfelt eulogy of the dead, and there was a brief ceremony at the cemetery, where the remains were interred, after which the Lee Light Infantry fired a salute of three volleys over the grave, closing the impressive services.

A little over a year ago, in the July number of the PALM, appeared a brief biography of our lamented brother, but, at the end of his earthly career it seems fitting that he should receive attention from the fraternity upon which his honorable career in every walk of life cannot fail to confer distinction. We shall make no further apology, therefore, for presenting a new summary of the prominent facts in his history.

Wm. J. Samford was a Georgian by birth, having been born in Meriweather County on Sept. 16th, 1844, but at an early age his family moved to Alabama, where he spent practically all his life.

He married Miss Carrie Drake, of Auburn, who survives him with four sons and four daughters.

Bro. Samford early gave promise of proving a worthy successor to his distinguished father, who was noted as an orator and author, and he took an active interest in the events of the day, enlisting at scant seventeen years of age in an Alabama regiment, and serving until the close of the war.

He was admitted to the bar at an early age and soon became distinguished in his profession for his ability and success. His oratorical gifts soon gained him fame far from his home district. He was prominent as a member of the constitutional convention of 1875, and was the author of some very important sections of the Alabama state constitution, then adopted, and he was one of the members of the electoral college of 1876 who cast a vote for Samuel J. Tilden for president of the United States. In 1878 he was sent to Congress with a good majority from the Third Alabama District, and served with much distinction, but declined re-election, much to the regret of his constituents, and took up the practice of his profession in Opelika. In this he was very successful, but his friends would not allow him to withdraw into private life, and in 1882 he was elected as representative in the lower house of the state legislature, and at the close of his term he was returned to the senate. He was there chosen speaker at the beginning of his second term, and won high encomiums from all for his ability and absolute fairness as presiding officer. He served eight years, in all, as senator.

During all of his public career, Bro. Samford had the interests of the educational institutions of his state at heart, and was long a member of the board of trustees of the state university. He was a member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias orders, and was strongly religious, devoting much time to the interests of his church.

He became a candidate for governor at the earnest solicitation of his friends, in the spring of 1900, on a platform whose keyword was honesty, made an able canvass and secured election by an overwhelming majority. During his brief term he won the universal approval of his people for his faithful performance of duty, and their deepest sympathy in his suffering.

Bro. Samford was a member of Alabama Alpha Epsilon chapter, and was beloved by all the brothers who knew him. He took a deep interest in the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and his loss is a most serious one for her, and, especially for his own chapter, but his career was well rounded out, his splendid abilities were developed to the utmost and he died beloved and honored by all who knew him. We will treasure his memory because he was a great and noble man.

The following resolutions have been submitted for publication by Alpha Epsilon chapter:

WHEREAS, In the Providence of God, Brother William J. Samford has been called to his last account, and

WHEREAS, Brother Samford has for many years been among the truest and most greatly loved of Alabama citizens, Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Alabama Alpha Epsilon chapter of Alpha Tau Omega deeply regret the passing away of our dear Brother, and feel the greatest sorrow for his death, and be it

Resolved, That Alpha Epsilon chapter extend to the wife and family of our late beloved Brother our tenderest sympathy, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to his family, to the *Opelika Post* and to the PALM.

R. T. ARNOLD, } Committee.
J. O. RUSH, }

A. T. O. VERSE.

SONNET.

The twilight shadows deepen, one by one
All sounds of busy day are hushed: afar
The lighthouse beacon gleams, a ruddy star
Foretelling darkness from its tower of stone.
Musing I sit; the plashing waves that moan
Upon the shore beneath me do not mar
The tranquil solitude; the recent war
Of wind and wave has ceased. All, all alone
I sit. Alone? Ah no, dear one, thou knowest
That thine's the image deep within my heart,

So thou art with me though we be apart;
 And next thyself remembrance is of thee
 Thrice cherished joy. Such love as thou bestowest
 To holy calm doth prove a potent key.

BETA ZETA.

SONNET.

The storm-swept shore lies rugged, hard and cold,
 A solitary figure walks the sand,
 Her careworn face by ocean breezes fanned,
 The billows from the open, upward rolled,
 Seem but a tale of suffering to unfold;
 And then the loaden sky, the barren land
 Are glorified a moment and the strand
 Made radiant by a flood of molten gold.

O keeper of thy vigil early, late,
 Thy life is like unto the tossing sea
 That thou dost ever scan; e'en so at times
 'Tis glanced athwart and rendered animate
 When, coming from his perils braved for thee,
 Thy loved one's sail the far horizon climbs.

BETA ZETA.

RONDEAU.

We played at chess—in grim array
 The wooden warriors hither sway,
 Now thither lean; my valiant knight
 Entraps a pawn and takes to flight;
 Her castle makes my rook its prey.
 But ah, at length her line gives way,
 Confusion led her queen astray
 As, frolicking in love's despite,
 We played at chess.
 Ah, sweetheart, double was the play,

And both were victors in the fray,
 For, though I won the mimic fight,
 Yours was the triumph recondite,
 My heart I lost to you that day
 We played at chess.
BETA ZETA.

EPIGRAM.

(From the French of Jean-Baptiste Rousseau.)
 The world is but a comic play
 Where each one takes a different part
 There on the stage, in costume gay,
 Shine prelates, generals show their art;
 While we, vile people, sit below,
 A futile herd of no account,
 For us the actors come and go,
 We pay to them a small amount,
 And when the farce provokes no mirth
 We hiss to get our money's worth.
BETA ZETA.

ROBERT P. TOOLE.

IN May last, the editor wrote all of the original members of Tenn. Pi chapter. The letter addressed to Bro. Robert P. Toole was returned. It was sent to his old address at Dandridge, Tenn., and never reached him. No communication can reach him now, for he died at Sour Lake, Texas, on July 23rd last. He had gone there from Houston for his health.

Bro. Toole was principal editorial writer on the *Houston Post*, and held the position for ten years. That paper speaks of him as follows:

"In the death of Mr. Toole there passed from the walks of life one of nature's noblemen. Possessing intellectual powers and attainments which placed him high above the ordinary standards reached by human endeavor, he was at all times modest, unassuming, unostentatious in his demeanor toward all. To the

advantages of a thorough collegiate training he had added a fund of information, made symmetrical and mellow by experience. He was educated for the law in one of the leading universities of the nation, and shortly after completing the course was elected city attorney of Knoxville, Tenn. But municipal politics and intrigues in official life were not in accordance with his ideas and he voluntarily retired from public life to combat with the influence of his fluent pen the evils which his brief tenure in office had discovered to him. Of a lineage known to the old regime as aristocratic, Mr. Toole preferred the plain coat of democracy to the pretensions of rank. His disposition was at all times kindly, gentle, self-sacrificing, and even in his sternest moods his manner was so mild that a little child would have felt reassured from its timidity on coming into his presence. The money he made during his long career as a working journalist was not hoarded. It went to all who called for assistance with the free hand of the truly generous. Mr. Toole was a typical gentleman of the old school which is rapidly becoming obsolete in an age of commercialism. For months before his death Mr. Toole had been advised by his physician that his condition was precarious. But he did not fear the summons which called him hence. When the overture from the king of terrors came he met death like a warrior of the old guard and with a smile and a bow passed behind the curtain. His friends, of whom there are many, shall not see his like again, perhaps, and gazing deep into the peaceful void created by his departure, star-lit no more by the living beam of his quick intelligence, they mourn death-trammeled genius lost.

"Robert P. Toole" was born in Blount county, Tennessee, November 18, 1854. His parents were James M. and Loucila H. Toole, natives of Tennessee and Georgia, respectively. His father was a successful merchant in Maryville and Knoxville, but lost heavily during the war. Young Toole moved with his parents to Knoxville, Tenn., when he was 10 years old and was educated at the University of Tennessee, located at Knoxville. He read law in the office of W. P. Washburn and was admitted to the bar in 1876. In that year, when only 21 years of age, he was made a sub elector for Knox and adjoining counties, and became prominent in politics through his canvass for Tilden. In 1880 he was elected city attorney of Knoxville, but in the fall of that year resigned his position and came to Texas. Settling at Dallas he assumed an editorial position on the Dallas Daily Herald, of which Colonel John T. Elliott was the editor in-chief, and one of the proprietors. In 1884, upon the appointment of Olin Well-

born, member of congress from the Dallas district as chairman of the house committee on Indian affairs, he selected Mr. Toole as the secretary of the committee and private secretary of the chairman. This appointment took him to Washington, where he remained for three winters. He was subsequently connected with various newspapers in the capacity of editorial writer, special reporter and legislative correspondent, serving, among other papers, the Memphis Avalanche and Houston Post. In consequence of impaired health Mr. Toole gave up his newspaper work in 1890, and returning to Dallas, took charge of the Dallas Land Title Abstract company's business. He purchased a home at Oak Cliff and in 1892 was elected an alderman of that thriving little city, leading the entire ticket by a flattering majority. About that time he was nominated for the legislature on the democratic ticket, but withdrew before the election and came to Houston to accept the position of principal editorial writer on The Houston Post, which position he has faithfully held from that time up to the time of his death.

"Mr. Toole was married in 1883 to Miss Clemmie Parker, of Dallas. Their only child is a daughter, Miss Cora McCoy Toole.

"The wife of the deceased was with him when he breathed his last yesterday afternoon at Sour Lake."

Editorially, the *Post* says:

It is with much regret that The Post this morning prints the news of the death of Robert P. Toole, which occurred at Sour Lake yesterday afternoon. A little over twenty years ago Mr. Toole entered the field of journalism as legislative correspondent of the Dallas Herald, of which paper he afterward became the editor. Subsequently he joined the Post's staff as editorial writer and held that position for about eight years. Possessed of a genial, though retiring, disposition, he never failed to win the esteem of those who came in contact with him. Modest to a fault, he mixed but little with the world in general, preferring the company of a few intimates to the fleeting acquaintances of the throng. Of his work as a newspaper writer too much can not be said. Its uniform excellence long ago became a matter of note with the reading public which is indebted to his industry for many a profitable and pleasant hour spent in the perusal of his writings. Mr. Toole had been in poor health for over a year, but it was only two or three weeks ago that his condition grew such as to cause alarm. From that time on there was a gradual decline until the end was reached.



ALPHA TAUS BOUND FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

OUR BROTHERS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

A GREAT many young college men have gone to the countries which are now being developed by the United States in the West Indies and the far East. Among them are many members of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, who carry with them the principles instilled by her and a feeling of love and loyalty, which is only increased by the removal far away from familiar scenes.

A very interesting letter has come to the PALM, which we take the liberty of presenting to our readers, from Bro. Harry Culver, of Nebraska Gamma Theta, who will be remembered as having made a wonderful record-breaking ride on his bicycle through the Southwest, West and East a few years ago, and who attended the Boston Congress last winter. It is as follows:

HONOLULU, Aug. 3, 1901.

My Dear Brother:—Inclosed you will find a bunch of Alpha Taus or rather the impression they made upon a camera plate. We are now bound for Manila, where we will be for a number of years at least. We have formed ourselves into a permanent organization and have already made the formal request for a charter for an Alumni Association.

There is no doubt but that there are many Alpha Taus on the Island of Luzon, and there is no question but that an Alumni Association is just what we need in our new possessions. It is when we leave the states behind that the realization of the actual depth of brotherly love is felt, and there is no chance of the enthusiasm in such a movement dying out. Now, Brother Ehle, you see we are all advocates of Western extension and are very anxious to get the Alumni Association established in Manila.

I take the liberty of writing, and if you can use the faces, why use them. I am glad that you stand pat on Western movement.

The names of the brothers in this movement are: E. Smith,

Va Epsilon; Hayford, Tufts; C. H. Farrar, Tenn. Omega; H. O. Hanna, Nebr. Gamma Theta; P. Jack, R. I. Gamma Delta; H. H. Culver, Nebr. Gamma Theta; C. J. Ross, Maine, Colby Chapter.

Trusting that you will encourage this step, if you think it advisable, and that you will excuse the haste that I was compelled to write this in, I remain

Yours in A. T. O.

HARRY H. CULVER,
Nebraska Gamma Theta.

Manila, P. I.

We cannot say, in advance, what action will be taken on the petition to establish an alumni association on the Eastern Continent, but believe that other fraternities have had such associations abroad, and at one time a prominent fraternity considered the advisability of placing a chapter in Japan, and a chapter was once maintained in Scotland by another fraternity.

At any rate, our distant brothers have our warmest interest, and we shall hope to hear from them often.

FRATERNITY NEWS FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES.

THE May number of the Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* was given up to a report on the condition of the fraternity, which appears to be very satisfactory. It included very full data in regard to the chapters, covering names of members present when college opened and old members returning during the year, those initiated during the year, those who left college during the year 1899-1900, men prominent in college affairs, members on the faculty, chapter house statistics, other fraternities, and attendance at college. Their publication in this way seems very commendable, and helpful to all interested.

The Nu Alpha Society is an organization in the University of Chicago which is unique. To be eligible to membership one must be a "Fellow" who receives a stipend of at least \$320. Selection follows the usual lines of the ordinary fraternity chapter, and as the "Fellows" of the rank indicated number only fifty

each year, membership is comparatively limited. The society is now in its second year and is a distinct success.

At Cornell University 370 degrees were conferred at the commencement in June. Much comment has been made upon the address of President Schurman, in which he referred to what he termed the "great and generally acknowledged deficiency in America of intellectual minds of high creative genius." He said.

"The United States has outstripped all other nations in commerce and industry, but if you exclude inventions the country lacks productive power. In her whole history she has never had a Homer or Shakespeare or a Darwin. This fact is often cited by foreign critics, and is evident enough to all Americans. True power lies in the intellectual rather than in the commercial. The power of Jerusalem, Athens and Florence lives until today and will continue to live for all time. The United States will never be a real world power if wealth alone is depended upon.

"The country need not despair, however, for it lies within the power and scope of the universities to supply the deficiency. They must ever maintain an intellectual rather than a practical atmosphere, and in this the mind of great intellectual genius will finally be produced."

At Syracuse University the following fraternities are represented, in the order of their establishment: Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi and Phi Gamma Delta. Nu Sigma Nu and Alpha Kappa Kappa are in the College of Medicine and Phi Delta Phi and Delta Chi, in the College of Law.

At the University of Pennsylvania a club of tall men has been formed. The twelve tallest men in the university only are eligible. There is, however, an associate membership of the next longest twelve, from which members will be promoted to the higher organization if a vacancy occurs or sufficient increased stature is shown by the associates. The society has, however, a limit of eighty feet of membership. The officers are "Moon Hitter," "Sky Scraper," "Ceiling Duster," and "Giraffe." A quorum consists of thirty-seven feet of members. The club plans, it is said, to give a dance in the near future, to which no lady exceeding five feet in height will be invited.

Speaking of our chapter at the University of Maine, a writer in the May number of the *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record* said;

"Alpha Tau Omega was established in 1891. The chapter is quite progressive, and its members hold many positions of prominence. Good students and fine athletes are to be found in their midst, while in society they are equally at home. The chapter rents a very commodious house in the village of Orono. It is understood they have plans drawn up for a chapter house to be built as soon as the project appears feasible."

Sixteen fraternities are represented at Lehigh University.

Sigma Nu has four chapters on the Pacific Coast. The total membership of this fraternity is now over 3,500.

We were all 'ot sand an' ginger when alive,
The rushing season found us at the 'ead
An' where the fight was 'otest we were there,
We 'eld our bloomin' own, the people said.

So 'ere's to you, dear Greek girl,
With your honored old degrees—
You're a 'ustler, you're a rustler,
Red 'ot ginger, if you please.

—*Anchora of Delta Gamma.*

A writer in the last February number of Sigma Nu's *Delta* said:

"A cursory examination of a portion of our membership roll shows that Americans, Jews, Canadians, Japanese, Cubans, Germans, Irishmen, Central Americans, have all been initiated into Sigma Nu. Probably if careful examination were made of our complete roll it would be seen that natives of every continent, and of some of the isles of the sea, have attended our American colleges, and have been initiated into the Sigma Nu Fraternity. This is as it should be. College students should recognize no bounds of birth, race, creed, country, or social recognition."

To the man without a chapter the various alumni associations are a haven of calm waters. They constitute his temporary home, and as such they are of immeasurable benefit. At the meetings of the alumni chapter he meets men of a kindred feeling, many of them who have suffered from a similar lack of fraternity life and spirit, and instantly his interest in fraternity

matters is rejuvenated. There he meets fraters from different chapters; alumni and undergraduates, and temporarily he forgets that his own chapter is dead. There he sings the old songs, hears the expressions of the old love and drinks toasts to the health of the Old Fraternity. The intensity of the old grief then subsides within him and in its stead there arises a newer, deeper and more abiding love for the grand Fraternity so dear to him always. He realizes that the man without a Chapter is unworthy of pity and that he may display his loyalty to the fraternity readily by allowing himself to be transformed into "The Man with an Alumni Chapter."—*The Rainbow*.

We understand that the latest fraternity is a sorority, called Kappa Delta Epsilon, formed by young women students at the Pennsylvania College of Music, Meadville, Pa., the installation of which occurred January 29th last, the purpose of which is to "maintain by its members an association for study and improvement in music". A chapter of this organization has been established at Mt. Union College.

Speaking of college fraternities, President David Starr Jordan, of Stanford University, recently said: "It is good to learn the lesson of co-operation and the lesson of mutual tolerance. * * * Still more valuable things are taught if the fraternity is a good one. The weaker ones are brought up toward the rank of the best, but if the weak predominate, the strong are bent down toward their level. In other words, the moral and intellectual influence of the fraternity depends on who is in it. If a fraternity centers its life around a champagne bottle, or a sorority is devoted chiefly to the two-step, its aggregate influence will not be stimulating. On the other hand, if a fraternity or sorority is made up of people who are good to know, there is scarcely anything in college life which one can less readily afford to miss. It is well to join a fraternity. It is better not to join one till you are sure both they and you will gain by the association."

THE NEW PROVINCIAL SYSTEM.

At last the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity has regularly adopted the provincial system of fraternity government, which has been tentatively in operation for over two years, having been considered worthy of trial at the New Orleans Congress in 1898, and fully approved by the Boston Congress last winter.

Experience has, however, suggested certain changes in the original plan, the most important being in the geographical definition of the provinces and their number, as is indicated by the following official communication from the Worthy Grand Chief:

ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Fendall Building,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 16, 1901.

TO THE OFFICERS AND BROTHERS:

Pursuant to the amendment to the Constitution, passed by the Seventeenth Congress and duly ratified by the chapters, known as article 22, and, acting upon the recommendations of the Special Committee, appointed by said Congress, the present chapters of the fraternity are hereby re-arranged into eight provinces following:

Province	I—Alabama (3) and Georgia (4).....	Total, 7
"	II— California (1), Colorado (1), Texas (1) and Louisiana (1).....	" 4
"	III— Illinois (1), Indiana (1), Michigan (3) and Nebraska (1).....	" 6
"	IV— Massachusetts (1), Maine (2), Ver- mont (1) and Rhode Island (1)....	" 5
"	V— New York (3) and Pennsylvania (3)	" 6
"	VI— North Carolina (2), South Caro- lina (1) and Virginia (1).....	" 4
"	VII— Ohio (6).....	" 6
"	VIII— Tennessee (6).....	" 6

II.

The following have been appointed in the discretion of the Worthy Grand Chief, by and with the advice and consent of the High Council as Provincial Chiefs, namely; for—

First Province, Vassar L. Allen, Challifeaux Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

Second Province, George W. Mitchell, Dallas, Texas.

Third Province, Prof. E. P. Lyon, 6153 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Fourth Province, Prof. N. F. Merrill, University of Vermont, Burlington, Ver.

Fifth Province, Leo Wise, Allentown, Pa.

Sixth Province, Dr. Thomas Ruffin, University of N. C., Chapel Hill, N. C.

Seventh Province, Prof. E. F. Eldredge, 40 Irving Street, Cambridge, Mass.

Eighth Province, A. W. McCord, care of R. G. Dun & Co., Nashville, Tenn.

III.

The Provincial Chiefs constitute a most important part of the Executive Department of the fraternity, are directly responsible to the Worthy Grand Chief for the several chapters in their respective provinces and are entitled to the highest degree of official recognition at the hands of chapters under their respective jurisdictions; their communications to chapters should be addressed to W. M's. and are to be treated as coming within the purview of Art. X, Sec. 22 and must be read in chapter meetings and given prompt and proper attention.

IV.

The Provincial Chiefs are expected at all times to exercise their best endeavors to insure obedience on the part of chapters to the laws, to inculcate and perpetuate all the principles and traditions of the fraternity; and, by wise counsel and inoffensive assistance to guard the chapters against the contraction of financial obligations beyond their reasonable income, to discourage affiliations and complications of any and all kinds in any way calculated to bring discredit on or detract from the proper influence of the fraternity; and generally to pursue such course, in harmony with the General Policies of the Worthy Grand Chief, as may, in their conscientious judgment, be requisite and necessary to best subserve the interests of the fraternity and relieve the Worthy Grand Chief of direct correspondence with chapters in relation to minor details, so far as practicable.

V.

The Provincial Chiefs are to be regarded as local representatives of the Worthy Grand Chief and are expected to freely

consult with him on any and all matters deemed of sufficient importance to require the same; and are enjoined to make known to him all matters, even of the slightest detail, which may have a bearing on the welfare of a brother, a chapter or the general fraternity.

VI.

The correspondence of each Chief should be carefully and systematically preserved, using letter folios or other devices arranged by chapters, for letters received, and letter-press copy books or synopsis books for letters written. Detailed reports are to be required of the chapters on the first days of October, February and June of each year, and the Chiefs, in turn, are to submit itemized reports to the Worthy Grand Chief on the first days of November, March and July of each year, which shall include in detail the condition of each chapter in Province, names of those delinquent in PALM dues, names of officers and chiefs responsible for failure to have letters in PALM, and such other matters as may be hereafter requested by the Worthy Grand Chief. This report should be accompanied by itemized bill of expenses with vouchers.

If at any time a chapter is in need of a personal visitation at the expense of the general fraternity, the circumstances should be promptly communicated to the Worthy Grand Chief with proper recommendations.

VII.

Provincial Chiefs are expected to foster the formation of Alumni Associations and to conduce, as far as may be, to the healthful activity of the associations heretofore formed; to arrange, when practicable, without expense to the general fraternity, province conventions or conclaves during the interim between Congresses, at times and places, approved by the proper chief, who shall also preside over such conventions, and see that the minutes of such conventions are carefully preserved and that copies thereof are forwarded to the Worthy Grand Chief. Other suitable officers are to be elected by the delegates.

VIII.

Each provincial Chief will be provided with a catalogue of the Fraternity and is expected to co-operate with the Catalogue Committee of the Fraternity in correcting errors, noting changes, and acquiring information of historical interest with respect to the organization and progress of each chapter. They are also expected to promptly communicate to the editor of the PALM,

from time to time, such fraternity news or other items of interest or importance as may come to their knowledge, to be placed to such use as the editor, in his judgment, may see fit.

GEORGE H. LAMAR, Worthy Grand Chief.

It will be observed that two additional provinces have been formed, making the total number eight. This makes the provinces much more compact than formerly, and, therefore, more readily supervised by the Provincial Chiefs. The greatest number of chapters in one province is found in Province No. 1, being seven, and both Province No. II and Province No. VI have only four chapters. They, therefore, average up pretty well, and the arrangement will, doubtless, prove as satisfactory as could be devised.

THE REAPPOINTED PROVINCIAL CHIEFS.

Circumstances and the increase in the number of Provinces have necessitated some changes in the list of Provincial Chiefs, but four have been reappointed.

Bro. McCord was originally located in Alabama, and his connection with the commercial agency of R. G. Dun & Co., gave him splendid facilities for looking after the Alabama and Georgia chapters. He is now with the same concern at Nashville, and as Provincial Chief of Province VII, made up of the Tennessee chapters, he will continue his earnest and successful efforts for the fraternity in that section. He is too old in the harness to need special introduction to the fraternity in this number.

Bro. George W. Mitchell is now Provincial Chief of Province II, and looks after the interests of Alpha Tau Omega in that extensive domain which includes our chapters in California, Colorado, Louisiana and Texas. He is one of the most faithful workers the fraternity has ever had, and has accomplished much for his fraternity in the Southwest. The only criticism we have to offer is that he is so extremely modest, that we have been unable, thus far, to obtain a sketch and cut of our loyal brother for the PALM. We suggest that a special committee of our Texas brothers, with Bro. Saner as chairman, take this matter in hand, as we should be very glad indeed to give Bro. Mitchell the introduction to our readers he so well deserves.

Bro. E. P. Lyon, now a distinguished and dignified college professor at the University of Chicago, remains Province Chief, and is given the task of looking after the welfare of chapters in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Nebraska, now comprised in Province III. He is very familiar with this work, and has labored faithfully to bring the chapters under his care up to the proper standard. His province is a most important one because it covers a section in which there is great activity in fraternity extension. Bro Lyon has already been introduced to PALM readers.

Bro. Thomas Ruffin is also a college professor, being a member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, where he is intimately associated with N. C. Alpha Delta. Bro. Ruffin has attended many of our fraternity congresses, and is always an earnest and faithful worker for Alpha Tau Omega. He is now at the head of Province VI, with chapters in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia under his immediate charge.

THE NEW PROVINCIAL CHIEFS.

Four new names appear on the list of Provincial Chiefs, and while they are not perhaps as familiar names as those of the regular officers of the fraternity, they are, without exception, the names of most faithful and loyal brothers, who will discharge the duties of their new offices most efficiently. Short sketches of these brothers follow, and we greatly regret that we are unable to present in each case a cut of the brother in question.

VASSAR LYLE ALLEN, CHIEF OF PROVINCE I.

The change of residence by brother A. W. McCord to Nashville, and his selection as Provincial Chief for Tennessee, rendered it necessary for a change to take place in the personnel of the chief of Alabama and Georgia. To find a brother who could take Bro. McCord's place was no easy task; but the Worthy Grand Chief, without any reservation, was enabled to assure the High Council that he had found a worthy successor to Bro. McCord in the person of Bro. Vassar L. Allen, Bro. Lamar's most intimate companion and class mate during his college days.

Bro. Allen is the youngest child of the late George W. and

May W. Allen, and was born at Tuskegee, Macon Co., Ala., on Sept. 28, 1868. His early boyhood was spent at Opelika, Lee Co., Ala., from which point he entered college at Auburn, Ala., Oct. 1, 1883. Though modest and unassuming, his genial nature, temperate and studious habits and intellectual superiority early marked him as one worthy to wear the maltese cross in a chapter which had no superior at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He was initiated by the Alpha Epsilon chapter, May 2, 1884, since which time he has been an ardent Alpha Tau, having occupied the chair of W. M. for one entire year.

He was graduated with the first honor in his class, and as senior cadet captain of company C, with the degree of B. S., on June 13, 1887. At the conclusion of his senior year he was selected by the board of trustees of this institution as instructor in mathematics and English at his Alma Mater, in which capacity he served there during the sessions of 1888, at the conclusion of which he received the degree of M. S. He was chosen as professor of English and Science at the Georgia Military Institute, Atlanta, Georgia, in which capacity he taught during the college years of 1888-1889, 1891-1892 and 1892-1893. On October 24 1893, he was admitted to the bar at Birmingham, Ala., since which time he has devoted himself uninterruptedly to the practice of his chosen profession. On October 1, 1900, he formed a co-partnership with Henry R. Dill, the firm name now being Dill & Allen. Bro. Allen early took first rank among the lawyers of his age, and now occupies a most enviable position at the Birmingham bar.

He has always abstained from seeking political honors of any kind, and he is very domestic in his tastes. His home life and ideals are beautiful. On June 14, 1899, he was married to Miss Sallie W. Bradford, of Huntsville, Ala., who is a strong Alpha Tau in spirit, and takes enthusiastic interest in all things which in any way interest her husband. It is believed that Mrs. Allen will be a strong addition to the loyal band of sisters who, of late years, have graced the Congresses of the Fraternity with their presence on all proper occasions.

NATHAN F. MERRILL. CHIEF OF PROVINCE IV.

Nathan F. Merrill, the new Province Chief of Province IV. was born October 6th, 1849, in Charlestown, Mass. He received his early education at the common school of Charlestown, and then, moving to Cambridge, was graduated from the Cambridge high school. Entering the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1867, he took there the degree of B. S. in 1870. After a year's resident study at Harvard, Prof. Merrill spent four years abroad, at Paris, Heidelberg, Zurich and Leipsic, earning his Ph. D. at the University of Zurich.

Returning to Boston, he engaged with the Boston and Colorado Smelting Co., of which his half brother and guardian was at that time treasurer. Remaining with them five years, he had charge of the construction of their Boston works, of which he was superintendent, later taking charge of their Colorado works for a time.

Prof. Merrill came to Vermont from Harvard, where he was for a time assistant, and for the last sixteen years has been at the head of the department of chemistry.

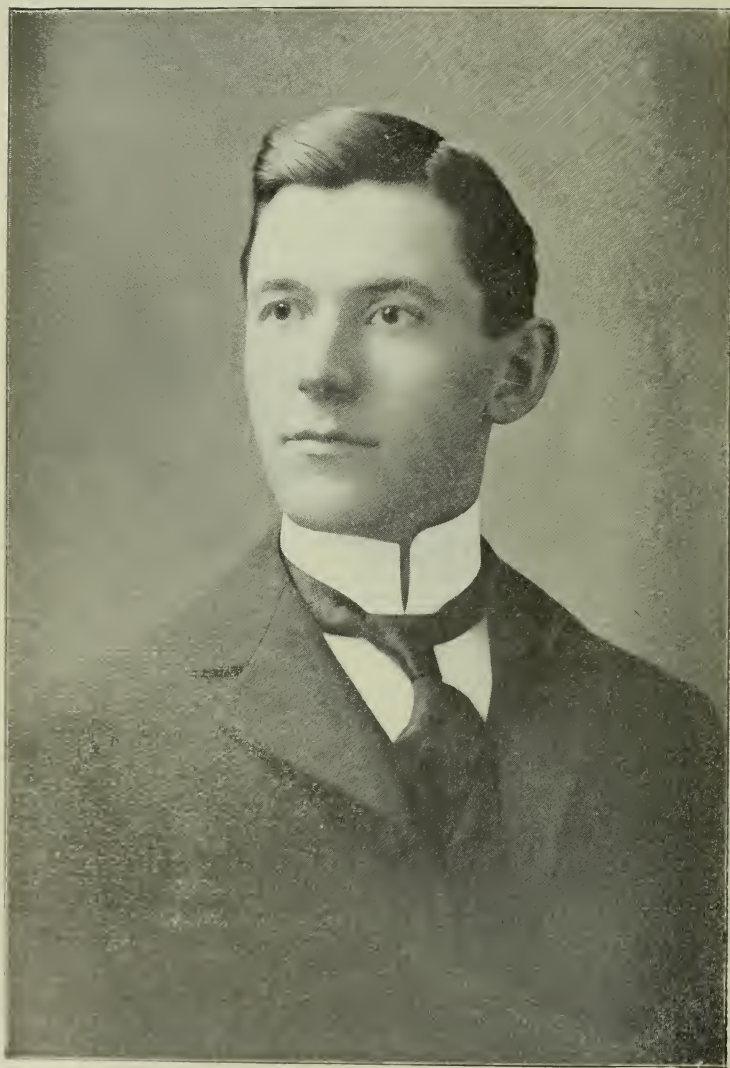
Under his direction the new University of Vermont Science Hall was constructed at an expense of \$200,000, and its equipment, for the most part with German instruments, is of his selection. Among the students his popularity has always been great, owing to his unvarying geniality and his interest in athletics, as well as to his scholarly attainments. Prof. Merrill's only near relative now living is his brother George, now president of Colgate University.

R. W. T.

Bro. Merrill has entered into the work of his fraternity with a splendid enthusiasm. He will be remembered well by those who attended the Boston Congress, and in taking up his new duties he carries with him the confidence and best wishes of all who have the honor of his acquaintance.

LEO WISE, CHIEF OF PROVINCE V.

There is no city in the country where the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity is more strongly established than in Allentown, Pa., and no chapter is more conscientious in the performance of its



EMMET F. ELDREDGE, PROVINCE CHIEF.

duties than Pa. Alpha Iota. Bro. Leo Wise, who has been selected to preside over Province V, including the New York and Pennsylvania chapters, is one of the most loyal of the alumni of Alpha Iota. It follows, as a natural conclusion, that Bro. Wise is a good and loyal Alpha Tau.

Bro. Wise was born in the city of Allentown in the year 1873, and has always resided in the city of his birth. He was graduated from Muhlenburg College in 1892, and was admitted to the bar of Lehigh county in 1894, and has been successful in his practice. He has been a democrat in politics, but, although he has taken an active interest in political affairs, he has never been a candidate for public office. He was a delegate to the Democratic State convention of Pennsylvania in 1896.

Brother Wise became an Alpha Tau on September 7th, 1889, and represented Alpha Iota chapter at the Richmond Congress in 1890. He also attended the Boston Congress last winter. During his college days, he served as W. M. of his chapter, and was one of the active organizers of the Allentown Alumni Association, which sent such a good delegation to Boston.

Brother Wise is prominent as a Mason and Odd Fellow. His office is at No. 534 Hamilton street, Allentown.

EMMET F. ELDREDGE, CHIEF OF PROVINCE VII.

The state of Ohio has produced many enthusiastic and loyal brothers, but few who have done as effective work as Bro. Emmet Franklin Eldredge, whom the Worthy Grand Chief has wisely chosen as provincial chief of the new Province No. VII, which comprises the six Ohio chapters.

Bro. Eldredge is a member of Ohio Alpha Nu chapter, and was graduated with honor in 1892, from Mt. Union College. During his senior year there he was a tutor in Latin, and was considered one of the best students ever graduated at Alliance.

He was born in Portage county, on the Western Reserve, in 1870, and comes of good New England stock.

He joined the fraternity in 1887, and has manifested a deep and lasting interest in her welfare from the beginning. He was especially active in making arrangements for the Cleveland Con-

gress, and was influential in organizing our new chapter at Western Reserve.

After graduation, Bro. Eldredge was associated with Bro. Shives for three years at Sandusky, and he was later called to Cleveland, where he did splendid work in the high schools. At present he is taking a course at Harvard, and his address is No. 40 Irving St., Cambridge, Mass.

Bro. Eldredge is loyal, able and unassuming. He does not seek prominence in fraternity circles, and he is always willing to do everything in his power for his chosen fraternity. At one time he was chosen as a member of the High Council, but could not serve to his own satisfaction, and so did not accept.

He has two Alpha Tau brothers, one of whom was a delegate to the Nashville congress.

RENEWING THE ATTACK.

WITH some people, the exception always disproves the rule. They judge the Church by its backsliders, educational institutions by those among their alumni upon whom an education has been wasted, the value of athletic sports by the number and nature of the injuries received by those who take part in them, and human institutions generally by their shortcomings rather than by their achievements. Nowhere is this tendency of a certain class of minds better illustrated than in the criticisms of the college fraternity systems, which are always a little more numerous at the beginning of each college year than at any other time. The *Chicago Chronicle*, a few days ago, contained a violent editorial attack on the college fraternity system apropos of the opening of Chicago, Michigan, Northwestern and other great institutions of higher learning in the Middle West. An attack more likely to result prejudicially to fraternities was that of Prof. Boltwood, of the Evanston High School, because of the assumption that the writer's connection with educational interests makes him a competent authority.

Prof. Boltwood groups the two questions of fraternities in

high schools and colleges, and discusses them as one—a performance which in itself reveals a surprising lack of appreciation of the history and character of Greek letter societies. There is no argument to be made in behalf of Greek letter societies in high schools. The practice of even pledging high school or academy students is frowned upon by college fraternities generally. The objections to such a practice are too numerous and varied to be discussed here, though it is evident that Prof. Boltwood has gathered most of his arguments against the college fraternity system during his experience as a high school teacher.

Prof. Boltwood's first grave objection to secret fraternities is that "they promote cliques tending to break down a democratic tendency in the institutions." This argument comes under the head of "important, if true." But observation does not warrant this conclusion. Prof. Boltwood observes that social conditions in institutions of higher learning are changing; there are college fraternities in some of these institutions; some of these fraternities exemplify a tendency towards social assumptions and pretensions out of harmony with the democratic spirit which should characterize an American institution of learning; therefore the college fraternity is the cause of these evils. It is all as clear as mud.

The thoughtful student of social conditions in American colleges must come to a realization of the fact that it would be impossible to prevent the establishment of lines of social cleavage in any large student body—lines based upon differences which go to make one set of men congenial to each other, and entirely uncongenial to some other group. Such groups inevitably become segregated, not only in American institutions of learning, but in schools, colleges and universities the world around. There are instances in which college fraternities become mere mutual admiration societies of self sufficient snobs. But this is not because the college fraternity has converted a group of sensible young fellows into an association of imitation clubmen. If the college fraternity had never been known, these conditions would exist. They ought not to be a cause of censure directed against hun-

dreds of fraternity chapters existing for purposes entirely different, and which are, according to the testimony of thousands of college graduates whose judgment is not inferior to that of Prof. Boltwood, and whose opportunities for learning the truth have been better, a center of helpful companionship during the student's undergraduate years, and a tie binding him to the aspirations and ideals of his college days during the years which succeed graduation.

Prof. Boltwood's next most serious objection to college fraternities is that they create a spirit of rivalry which tends to the injury of the interests of the institutions in which they exist, because, he says, fraternity men are likely to cherish their secret organization more than their alma mater itself. This theory is unsupported by facts. In only one institution in the United States has the system of social organization seemed to interfere with the welfare of the institution in which it exists. Yale university has produced phenomena of this character, and the Greek letter system there is so entirely different from that existing in any other institution in the country as to weaken, rather than strengthen, Prof. Boltwood's argument on this point.

The *Atlanta Constitution* disposes of this last attack on the college fraternity system in a few strong paragraphs which seem to sum up the situation exactly. Says the *Constitution*:

"We cannot sympathize with Prof. Henry L. Boltwood in the assault which he makes upon college fraternities. Prof. Boltwood looks upon organizations of this character as social aristocracies; whose existence is at variance with the democratic spirit of college life and serves to neutralize much of the good to be derived from college careers.

"Opposition to college fraternities seldom proceeds from those who have enjoyed the delightful associations of fraternity life, and our observation has been that most of those who are so rampant and profuse in denouncing college fraternities speak out of the density of an ignorance which they have never sought to enlighten. Secret fraternities exist in connection with most of the great educational institutions of the world, and so far from

being dangerous or hurtful in the influence which they exercise upon college life, are almost universally encouraged by the college authorities.

"Perhaps in some few isolated and sporadic cases fraternity enthusiasm is carried to the point where it becomes productive of more harm than good, but they should not be permitted to militate against the usefulness of college fraternities at large, any more than the shortcomings of individual churches should be allowed to bring reproach upon the world-wide communion to believers.

"Under proper supervision and control, we know of no influence which is better calculated to purify and exalt the life of the college student than the influence which proceeds from the mystic shrines of the Greek letter fraternities."—*Shield of Phi Kappa Psi*.

IN MEMORIAM.

Greensboro, Ala., Sept. 27, 1901.

HALL OF BETA BETA CHAPTER of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and power, has seen fit to take unto Himself the soul of our beloved brother Benjamin H. Kittrel, a member of Ala. Beta Beta chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, be it

Resolved, That we, Beta Beta chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, have sustained in his death the loss of a true and loyal brother, and do extend to his bereaved family our sincerest sympathy and affection.

That the members of this chapter shall wear the usual sign of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, Further, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, one sent to the Palm, and one spread upon the minutes of this chapter.

W. W. MCGEHEE,	} Committee.
F. H. BRYANT,	
J. W. FRAZER,	

EDITORIAL.

Some very prominent extension work is now up before the chapters for consideration. They may rely on the fact that a very careful investigation of the situation was made by those in authority before this matter was submitted. In the first place, the institution in question is one worthy of respect and destined to a great future. In the second place, the field is a good one for fraternities. In the third place, the time seems opportune, and, last, but most important, the petitioners are highly recommended.

In view of all these facts, no chapter should oppose this petition without the best and most substantial reasons for so doing.

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While the list is not intended to be exhaustive, mention is here made of the chapter reports, received by the editor of the PALM, because no list was published in the last number. Those of Ohio Alpha Nu and Nebraska Gamma Theta are embellished with chapter groups, that of the former being in the form of a maltese cross. Ills. Gamma Zeta presents a cut of her chapter house.

There is a lack of the uniformity in the size of these reports, which has been recommended by the various officers, and it is to be hoped that before the next reports are published, something will have been done to secure uniformity in this respect. In other respects, except as to certain required data, chapters should be allowed to exercise their own tastes.

As the editor writes, he has before him the chapter reports of the following additional chapters: Ga. Alpha Theta, R. I. Gamma Delta, Mich. Beta Omicron, O. Beta Mu, Tenn. Beta Tau, O. Gamma Kappa, Penn. Alpha Iota, Me. Gamma Alpha, Ala. Alpha Epsilon, S. C. Beta Xi, Tenn. Alpha Tau, Tenn. Omega, Ala. Beta Beta, Me. Beta Upsilon, Ind. Gamma Gamma and N-Y. Beta Theta.

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Every once in a while, some brother writes the editor in regard to a book of Alpha Tau Omega songs. The undoubted demand which exists for a book of this kind, should be met, and a fraternity which displayed so much energy in publishing its catalogue of members in satisfactory form should not find it difficult to accomplish this far less onerous task. Fortunately, we have some very good, singable songs, and they should be familiar to every brother. Song occupies a place in college and fraternity life which nothing else can fill, and its absence is always to be regretted.

Attendance at five congress banquets has emphasized the necessity of attention to this neglected feature of our fraternity life, and it seems to us that it would be very desirable to issue an edition of the songs which have been collected and selected by the song book committee, in much the same way that a preliminary catalogue was issued before the publication of the work in permanent form. It is certainly very urgent that a collection should be published as soon as possible and before next Congress. Perhaps it would be a good plan to publish selected songs in the PALM.

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Every Alpha Tau is interested in the welfare of our beloved founder, Bro. Otis A. Glazebrook, and the news of his illness excited universal sympathy. He has missed but one Congress in recent years, and a very large percentage of the fraternity have the honor of his personal acquaintance. He was not well at the Boston Congress Banquet, but made a most feeling and effective response to the toast always assigned him. On his return home he became quite ill, just at the time when his admiring townsmen of Elizabeth were desirous of electing him mayor, and he has not since fully recovered his health. He was to have attended the San Francisco gathering of the representatives of the Episcopal church, but on account of ill health was forced to abandon the trip, much to the regret of his western brothers, who would have given him a royal reception.

In response to the general desire for an authoritative state-

ment in regard to the condition of our distinguished and beloved brother, the Worthy Grand Chief has obtained the following letter from our ex-Worthy Grand Chief:

"G. H. LAMAR, W.G.C. *Dear Sir and Bro.*:—Have just received your inquiry regarding the health and present condition of our founder, Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook. Shortly after the late Congress he was taken ill, and his physicians in Elizabeth stated that he was suffering from neurasthenia, or nervous prostration. They furthermore advised him to secure a six months leave, in order to recuperate. Through the kindness of his vestry this was arranged. Since that time he has visited different places under the advice of his physicians, with the result that his physical condition has been greatly improved; he still, however, presents symptoms of nervous exhaustion, and as yet has not been able to return to his work.

"On the whole, he has improved, although not as rapidly as was hoped. It is thought that in three months he will be able to resume his duties.

"Thanking you and the dear brothers for their kind thoughts of him, I remain, with fraternal love,

LARKIN W. GLAREBROOK, M. D."

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It was hoped, at first, that this number of the PALM would be ready for mailing about October 15th, but it was thought advisable that it should contain a complete authoritative announcement in regard to the provincial system and the provincial chiefs, and, for this reason, its publication was delayed. As a result, an opportunity was afforded of making further efforts to obtain a complete return of chapter letters from the active chapters.

In the last number of the PALM it was announced that due notice would be given of the date when chapter letters would be required for No. 4 of Vol. XXI. This was done for the reason that there was a possibility that a summer number might be published. On consideration this was not thought advisable, however. About the middle of September, therefore, postal notices were sent to all the chapters that letters should be forwarded, so

that the PALM might be published as near as possible to October 1st. Only about twenty or thirty correspondents responded, and this necessitated a second notice, which was sent to all delinquents, some of whom reported this was the first notice received.

It is always difficult to get into communication with the chapters in the fall, owing to the changes in correspondents. This would be obviated by their election before vacation, and prompt communication with the editor in the fall, when the chapter reassembles.

We are pleased now to have been enabled to present such a complete collection of chapter letters, and hope to succeed in coming numbers in obtaining a letter from every active chapter. Some letters in this number are exceedingly incomplete, and were, doubtless, hastily written. They, however, give evidence of life and activity, and this is a very desirable showing for the initial number of the college year.

The official announcement in regard to the provincial system reached the editor Oct. 28th, and he was compelled to start South on a very important trip on the following day. This deferred the date of publication somewhat, but every effort was made to mail this number as soon as possible.

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Now that the provincial system has been established and extension work has progressed so favorably, it is high time that the chapter house movement should receive attention. The building of chapter houses is frequently mentioned in the chapter letters, and throughout the fraternity there is deep interest in this subject. So far, it has received little or no official attention, although it is of the greatest importance and can no longer be safely ignored.

Some of the chapters have worked out their own salvation, but N. Y. Beta Theta is the only one which has succeeded in building a satisfactory chapter house. This was done very quietly, and absolutely without assistance outside of the chapter membership, and the brothers who carried this work on so successfully deserve full credit for their splendid achievement.

It is now, however, necessary that the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, as such, should take up and systemize this important feature of fraternity development. We need more fraternity houses, and in future numbers of the PALM, this department will receive much attention.

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The Sigma Chi fraternity has perhaps worked out the financial question more carefully than any of its rivals. From the date of the establishment of an endowment fund of \$12,500 in 1899, its affairs have been in exceptionally good condition. Every alumnus contributes to this fund the sum of five dollars a year for two years after graduation. This enables the fraternity to take up the chapter house question very effectively, and, as a result, a number of excellent houses have been built.

We have often called attention to the meagre amount of financial support which our fraternity requires of its members, and to the fact that, after graduation, brothers entirely sever their connection with the fraternity in this respect, and believe that the example of Sigma Chi is well worthy of careful consideration.

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The present college year seems to open most auspiciously for Alpha Tau Omega. To be sure, there are in the cases of certain chapters evidences of weakness, which are greatly to be deplored, but the fortunes of educational institutions are subject to fluctuation, and when these are at low ebb, chapters of fraternities suffer. This condition of affairs constitutes a legitimate excuse for weakness or death of a chapter. When, however, there is progress and development on the part of the college, if the chapter deteriorates the blame must be placed with the chapter members.

Alpha Tau Omega has lost chapters in both of the ways above mentioned, and today both influences are, doubtless, at work, but, if watchfulness on the part of the Worthy Grand Chief and the provincial chiefs can accomplish the salvation of declining chapters, there is no doubt that we shall hear little of

weak or dead chapters this year. Weakness manifests itself quickly to the trained fraternity man. First of all comes neglect of financial requirements and failure to make reports follows. The only satisfactory treatment is to insist on strict compliance with the rules and regulations of the fraternity in these respects. It is very seldom indeed that a truly prosperous chapter is found delinquent in the performance of fraternity duties.

The fraternity man should cultivate a high sense of honor in regard to the performance of the obligations he assumes when he is initiated, and this will help him most materially in his after-college life. He, of all men, should not need to be reminded of his neglect of duty. We sincerely hope that during the present college year a record will be established of fidelity to the fraternity, which will serve for a precedent in future years.

The duties to which we have reference are simple and not burdensome. Each officer and each member of a chapter knows, or should know, well enough what is required of him. As a true Alpha Tau he cannot be delinquent.

Especially should the chapters keep their finances straight. If they once get behind, a serious struggle begins to catch up, which can readily be avoided by paying as they go.

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Just a few words in regard to the PALM, in order that there may be no misunderstanding. Every member of an active chapter is required to pay PALM dues of \$1.50 per volume. This rule is as well established as the requirement to pay the initiation fee, and correspondents should order a number of copies corresponding to the number of active members in their respective chapters.

Another matter of importance is the collection of PALM dues. They are required to be paid in advance, and correspondents should see that they are so paid. In the past there has occasionally been neglect in this respect, but it will be found advisable to take early steps to make collections, and it has, in certain instances, been found most satisfactory to add the PALM dues to the regular chapter dues.

It should be remembered that, after the initiation fee, brothers pay no dues to the general fraternity, except those for the PALM, and this tax is exceedingly light and necessary.

In regard to chapter letters, correspondents are required to send same to each number of the PALM, and this also is a duty which is easy of performance, because only four letters are required during the college year. However, as in the case of every other duty, it is of the utmost importance that it be performed well. Every member of the chapter is interested in this, and should assist the correspondent with suggestions. *It would be best to have the chapter letter read to the chapter before it is sent to the PALM.*

Instruction is given elsewhere as to these letters. They should be neatly and carefully prepared on paper that is not very stiff or too small in size. Especial care should be taken to make the letter legible, as, otherwise, mistakes may result in proofreading, which are sometimes quite annoying. The form of the letter can be ascertained from any copy of the PALM, and superfluous matter should be omitted.

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This number of the PALM completes Vol. No. XXI. The number of copies sent to the different chapters is the same as of the earlier numbers of that volume, as the new subscriptions begin with the next number, which will be No. 1 of Vol. XXII. If however, any of the new members desire copies, they can be obtained on application. In this connection the editor would be obliged if every chapter correspondent would send him the names and present addresses of graduates of last year, and those who have not returned to college, as well as the names of graduates in recent years, with addresses. These brothers should take the PALM, and we want to get them on our mailing list.

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Several years ago, Mr. White asked the suggestive question, "What's the matter with Kansas?" Kansas is all right now according to all reports, especially since she is blessed with a chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at her State University. Hurrah for the baby chapter! Particulars in the next number of the PALM.

PERSONALS AND NEWS ITEMS.

GA. ALPHA THETA.—On July 2nd last Bro. Chas. Crawford Jarrell and Miss Margaret Moore were married at the residence of the bride's parents, at Oxford, Ga. The decorations were in blue and gold, with palms and maltese crosses, while tearoses predominated in the floral decorations. Bro. Jarrell was graduated from Emory in '94, and is now pastor of the Methodist church at Young Harris, Ga., which is the home of the young couple.

Bro. M. C. Quillian, M. A. '95. who was also affiliated with Tenn. Beta Pi last year, is professor of Latin, Greek and chemistry in the Polyclinic College, Fort Worth, Texas, which is conducted in that city by the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

IND. GAMMA GAMMA. — The following from the *Chicago Tribune* of Wednesday, June 19th, last, relates to the wedding of Brother John T. Montgomery and Miss Lillian Evans Mead. A charming portrait of the bride accompanies the article. Brother Parker H. Hoag, of Ills Gamma Zeta, and David Ingle, Jr., of Ind. Gamma Gamma, were ushers.

"One of the most beautiful and unique of the June weddings was that of Miss Lillian Evans Mead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice A. Mead, and Mr. John Tull Montgomery last evening at 8 o'clock at Christ Reformed Episcopal church, Michigan avenue and Twenty-fourth street, Bishop Charles Edward Cheney officiating.

"It was a pink and white wedding, white peonies with palms decorating the church. The bridal procession was led by five little flower girls—Lorraine Mead, a sister of the bride; Marion Hovey of San Francisco, a cousin of the bride; Gertrude Lyford, Helen and Frances Hale. They wore tucked gowns of white batiste, with pink sashes, and carried baskets filled with pink rose leaves, which they strewed before the bride as she passed down the aisle from the altar.

"Following the flower girls walked the two bridesmaids, Miss

Martha Williams of Terre Haute, Ind., and Miss Mary Lyons. Their gowns were of white batiste, with garnitures of pink ribbons and pink roses. Miss Cora Bremer, the maid of honor, walked alone. She wore white silk batiste and carried white peonies. The bride followed with her father. Her gown was of white silk grenadine, embroidered in French bowknots, the skirt cut with Vandyke points over a plated flounce of chiffon and lace. A wreath of orange blossoms held the veil, and the bouquet was a shower of lilies of the valley.

"The men of the bridal party were Dr. J. W. Montgomery, the groom's brother, best man; Mr. Henry Taylor of Milwaukee, Mr. Parker Hoag, Mr. John Pooley, and Mr. David Ingle, Jr., ushers.

"Several hundred invitations were issued for the ceremony, but only a limited number of guests attended the reception, which was held at the family residence, 4547 Okenwald avenue, at 9 o'clock. Among the out-of town guests were Mrs. C. E. Hovey of San Francisco and Mrs. E. Stearns and Mrs. A. W. Harden of Cincinnati."

MICH. BETA KAPPA.—Bro. E. W. Vanaken, '01, has entered the Union Theological Seminary, of New York. Bro. C. C. Mitchell is taking work in Chicago in Sociology, at the same time doing pastoral work in Fennville. Bro. B. S. Alward is assistant cashier in a bank in Michigan. Bro. C. E. Sickley is principal of Orland, Ind., high school.

At Capac, Mich., Aug. 28, 1901, occurred the marriage of Bro. B. H. Taylor to Miss Eva Doyle. They reside in Hillsdale.

Bros. Orda Galloway and P. C. West are travelling for the College Lecture Bureau, of which Bro. C. E. DePew is manager.

MICH. BETA LAMBDA.—The *Index* of Pittsburg, Pa., contains an attractive cut of Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Hosack, of Marchand street. Bro. Hosack has been very prominent of late in the political life of Pittsburg and Pennsylvania. He recently introduced an act in the legislature in regard to corporations, which has since become law. In this connection the

Pittsburg *Despatch* of July 14th last presents an excellent likeness of Bro. Hosack, and says: "Attorney George M. Hosack, representative for the Fifth District, who for three terms has been the house leader in the passage of corporation legislation, says Pennsylvania now has the best laws in the country, and that the incentive for the incorporation of Pennsylvania capital in other states no longer exists." The act is also considered editorially in the same number.

MICH. BETA OMICRON.—Bro. Charles Hawley Fenn, formerly located in Kansas, and university pastor of the University of Kansas, is now pastor of the Stranger's Church, at 8 East Eighteenth street, New York City.

Bro Frank A. Fall, '99, has returned to Columbia University, where he has been awarded a second fellowship in comparative literature.

Bro. E. Roscoe Sleight, '01, will spend the year at Clark University, Worcester, Mass., where he was appointed senior scholar in mathematics.

Bro. Royal A. Grosenbaugh, '01, will spend the coming year in pursuing post-graduate work at Harvard.

Bro. Percy A. Fall, '01, has secured a position in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction at Lansing.

Bro. Ralph E. Hill, '01, is engaged for the year by the Book Lover's Library, of Chicago.

Bro. Earle Marshall, '01, is meeting with splendid success as principal of the Zeeland High School.

N. Y. ALPHA OMICRON.—Brother John D. Stark and Miss Annie Goldin were married on July 17, 1901. The affair was a quiet one, though Mr. and Mrs. Stark have many friends. They have the best wishes of Alpha Omicron.

Bro. F. W. Storrs, who took his M. A. at St. Lawrence last June, after a year of graduate work at Johns Hopkins, has secured a position as teacher of mathematics in the Cornell Prep. School, at Ithaca, N. Y.

N. Y. BETA THETA.—Bro. J. Du Pratt White, who has been

prominent as a member of the Palisades commission of New York and New Jersey, has formed a partnership with George B. Case, under the firm name of White & Case, with offices in the National Bank of Commerce Building, 31 Nassau St., New York City.

Bro. James W. MacNider is practicing medicine at No. 64 West 56th street, New York City.

Bro. George R. Harvey is practicing his profession as mechanical engineer at Pittsburg, Pa. His address is 233 S. Highland avenue.

NEB. GAMMA THETA.—Bro. Claude S. Wilson is practicing law in the Montgomery Block, Lincoln, Neb.

N. C. ALPHA DELTA.—Bro. H. R. Faison is employed in the auditing department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, at Wilmington, N. C.

OHIO ALPHA NU.—Bro. John K. Jenkins has removed to Oklahoma where he has accepted a professorship in the state normal school. Bro. Jenkins' brother, W. M. Jenkins, is governor of Oklahoma.

Bro. Milton J. Lichty, who has been an enthusiastic resident member of Alpha Nu, has gone to Cleveland, where he will be an instructor in the College for Physicians and Surgeons. His practice in Alliance will be continued by another loyal Alpha Tau, Dr. Wm. Manchester, of Ohio Beta Eta.

Bro. W. T. S. Culp has been appointed pastor of the First M. E. Church, of Ashtabula, Ohio.

Bro. T. L. Caskey is beginning his first year as superintendent of schools at Rootstown, Ohio.

OHIO BETA ETA.—John B. Braden, of Ohio Beta Eta, died at his home in Canton, Ohio, Sept. 21st, 1901, after a lingering illness. He was a prominent man in school and was in the midst of a most successful business career. He will be sorely missed as a true brother and friend.

Bro. Mahon conducted the funeral services and was the

source of great help and comfort to the sorrowing friends and relatives.

O. BETA MU.—Bro. Harry B. Kirtland is President of the American College Republican League and has been issuing some very effective circular literature for the organization. He is attending Harvard University.

Bro. J. A. Beam is attending the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in Chicago.

Bro. M. S. Walker, instructor in science in the Chicago High Schools, has recently been doing original work in electricity and incandescent lighting, which has turned out very satisfactorily.

OHIO BETA OMEGA.—Bro. Miller, of O. Beta Omega, and Bro. Justice, of O. Beta Eta, will room together at the University of Michigan this year.

Bro. Stanley H. McKee has a good position with the National Steel Company.

Bro. Hugh S. Carr has resigned his position in the faculty of the University of Kansas, and is now located at No. 1059 Rose Building, Cleveland, O. He is an engineer in the electrical department of the Findley & Southern Railway Company.

O. GAMMA KAPPA.—Bro. Lamar T. Beman is Western Reserve Department Chairman of the American Republican College League.

PA. ALPHA UPSILON.—Bro. E. S. Stalnaker has resigned his position as assistant chemist of the B. & O. R. R., at Baltimore, and is chemist for the Davis Coal & Coke Co., at Thomas, W. V. In remitting PALM dues, he writes: "I would not be without the PALM for several times the subscription price.

PA. TAU.—Bro. Philip F. Fulmer, Jr., has moved his law office from the Drexel Building to the fifth floor of the Hale Building, No. 1328 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

R. I. GAMMA DELTA.—Bro. Paul F. Clark and Bro. F. N. D. Buchman, of Pa. Alpha Iota and Tau, were together at East Northfield this summer. There were six hundred college men at the conference.

TENN. ALPHA TAU.—Bro. W. M. Clark, A. B., 1900, is now professor of languages at Catlettsburg, Ky.

Bro. E. L. Hill, B. D., 1900, has recently been called to the pastorate of Vine Street Presbyterian church, of Birmingham, Ala.

Bro. W. S. Anderson, M. D., is enjoying a very extensive practice as junior member of the firm of Jones & Anderson, Memphis, Tenn.

Bro. H. B. Searight, '98, having received the degree of B. D. from Union Seminary, Richmond, Va., last June, has gone to Princeton for a Post Graduate course.

Bro. J. Leighton Green has recently accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church, Azusa, Cal., going from Van Buren, Arkansas.

TENN. BETA PI.—Bro. J. R. Snyder, B. A., '98, M. D., '01, is now in New York City holding an appointment in one of the largest hospitals.

Bro. C. H. Cobb is teaching in Louisville, Ky., in one of the best training schools of the South.

Bros. Will Douglas, M. S. and T. E. Kennedy, B. A., 1901, are now running a preparatory school in Midlothian, Tex. They bid fair to have a fine school that will send good material to the University and to Beta Pi.

Bro. John Paschall, B. A., 1901, is now reporting on the *Atlanta Journal*.

Bro. Felix Motlaw has received an appointment to West Point and will not be with us any longer.

Bro. Steel, LL. B., 1901, is practicing law in Ripley, Tenn.

Bros. Pierson and Nolen have entered the rush of the business world.

Bro. Billington is teaching.

TENN. OMEGA.—The Laramie, Wyo., *Republican* of Sept. 26th last, says of Bro. Wyche:

"T. J. Wyche, resident engineer here for the Union Pacific since the retirement of D. C. Dunlap last summer, has been pro-

moted to be division engineer, with headquarters at Kansas City, and he will leave for that point about the first of October.

"Mr. Wyche will have charge of the Kansas division of the Union Pacific and its branches, embracing in all about 1,000 miles. The position is a very important one, and the Republican rejoices with the other friends of the genial engineer in his promotion, feeling that he is in every way capable, and by hard and conscientious work has earned it."

VA. ALPHA.—Bro. Thomas G. Hayes, member of the High Council, continues to gain praise from the press of the country for his able reform administration as the mayor of Baltimore, and his address on "Memorial Day" at the Pan-American Exposition was widely circulated with favorable comment. In 1895, when candidate for the nomination of governor, he said: "I have neither money nor machinery to advance my cause, and if I had both, I would be unwilling to use either for such a purpose." He practically created and wrote the new charter of his city, which has been much studied and imitated. During his administration he has cut the expense of running his city of 700,000 people to less than \$5,000,000 a year, a most remarkable record. Not long ago the *Philadelphia Times* said of him:

"Mayor Hayes is 57 years old, but looks ten years younger. He is fond of good literature. He is not a club man. In religion he follows his father, who was a Methodist clergyman. His mother was a niece of Commodore Catesby Jones, of the navy, and of Gen. Rodger Jones, of the army. He is a bachelor, and that in a city renowned the world over for its beautiful women."

Bro. Joseph Husson, of 93 Nassau St., New York City, died of paralysis on Oct. 15th, 1901, and was buried at Woodlawn, in the family plot.

VT. BETA ZETA.—R. D. Hoyt, '94, has been mustered out with the 26th U. S. volunteers after two years' service in the Philippines and is now ranching at Bald Eagle ranch, Modesto, Cal.

O. A. Colby, '97, is working as an expert machinist at Arlington, Mass.

F. R. Jewett, '99, is teaching at Mattapan, Mass.

W. J. Sayward, '97, and R. B. Morton, '99, both graduated in June last from the Mass. Institute of Technology, the former in the architectural and the latter in the electrical course, and both are now located in New York.

G. S. Brand, '01, and Prof. N. F. Merrill spent the summer in England and Germany.

F. P. Wadleigh, '01, expects to study at the University of Bonn this year.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

YOU can obtain copies of the Fraternity Catalogue of 360 pages from the chairman of the catalogue committee at 75 cents per copy; also engraved certificates of membership for \$5, proceeds going to chapter house fund.

Answer all communications from grand officers *at once*.

You must have a letter in *each* number of the PALM, or the \$5 fine provided by Congress for failure to do so will be strictly enforced. It should contain all the news, but must be condensed as much as possible on account of the large number of chapters.

Punctuate carefully and write plainly. Be very particular about making the spelling of names legible.

Send in all the personals and clippings you can, *separate from your chapter letter*.

Follow the form of the heading of letters as they appear in the PALM, giving merely the name of chapter, college and town. Dates and all other superfluous matter should be omitted. An observance of this rule will save the editor much time.

Owing to the large number of chapters, chapter letters must not exceed 500 words. Bear this in mind. Never write on both sides of the sheet for publication.

See that your chapter's PALM dues are paid promptly in *advance* for each active member. Every active member *must* subscribe for the PALM. *This requirement must be strictly complied with.*

Unless otherwise directed, have your chapter letter for No. 1, Vol. XXII, in the editor's hands by Dec. 15th, 1901.

Be a little careful about the use of superlatives and general boastfulness. Be enthusiastic, but not bombastic. Your fraternity is the best there is, and she does not need constant strained panegyrics.

ALA. ALPHA EPSILON, POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, AUBURN.

After a very pleasant vacation, we are happy once again to extend hearty greeting to all loyal Alpha Taus, through the PALM.

Alpha Epsilon reassembled at the opening with ten staunch brothers, all full of enthusiasm and eager to commence work for new men, and the success of our chapter.

We have with us this year Bro. M. L. Brown, of Ga. Alpha Beta, and it is with pleasure that we welcome him among us.

Bros. H. M. Smith and A. C. Hannon, class of 1901, paid us a short visit at the opening of the college, and helped us very materially during the busy season—showing their usual spirit in the interest of Alpha Tau.

Bro. Smith will take a law course at the University of Alabama this fall.

Six of our men graduated last year, Bro. McGehee, Bro. Smith, Bro. Arnold, Bro. Meriwether, Bro. Wills and Bro. Herrin.

Bros. Chandler, Wiley and Matthews did not return to college. We miss them all very much and hope that they will visit us at the first opportunity that presents itself.

Our officers for this term are as follows: Bro. Gray, W. M.; Bro. Taber, W. C.; Bro. Collins, W. K. E.; Bro. Sistrunk, W. K. A.; Bro. McDuffie, W. S.; Bro. Cooper, W. U.; Bro. Burke, W. S.; PALM correspondent, J. D. Hudson.

We have five good men pledged and hope by the issue of the next PALM to have them added to our roll.

Alpha Epsilon again wishes success to all her sister chapters.

J. D. HUDSON, Cor.

ALA. BETA BETA, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, GREENSBORO.

We return this year with our A. T. O. enthusiasm by no means lessened by the summer vacation.

Eight A. T. O.'s were present at the opening of the college year.

The loss of two brothers, C. L. Chilton, A. M., and D. E. Shoaff, A. B., by graduation, and four who did not return, and the scarcity of fraternity material among the new men, were calculated to discourage us; but we still feel competent, although numerically weak, to uphold the doctrines and advance the progress of our grand fraternity.

We have, so far, only one new initiate, Bro. R. B. McGehee, Greensboro, Ala., who is a worthy wearer of the maltese cross.

Bros. C. L. Chilton and R. Lawson go to the Vanderbilt University this year. Bro. Chilton won the Nettle's scholarship medal last session.

Bro. A. C. Davis has been elected manager of the tennis department of the Athletic Association. Bro. F. E. Chapman was elected vice-president of the Athletic Association. We are sure of at least two representatives on the football team.

Bro. E. K. Turner will return from Germany next year to resume his place as professor of ancient languages.

Bro. E. W. Ledbetter, who was a member of the Constitutional Convention, was with us at the opening of the college.

As to our present chapter we can say that it is as near a unit as can be made. All the brothers are loyal and enthusiastic, as well as congenial, and when we meet in the sacred Temple of Friendship every week, there is unmistakable evidence of fraternal love.

We wish success to the PALM and to all sister chapters. May this year be one of joy, happiness and success to every A. T. O.

F. E. CHAPMAN, Cor.

ALA. BETA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

The university opened up September 19th, with an unusually large law school, but the attendance in the academic department is not so large as last year's. We lost five men by graduation and five failed to return. So, with one affiliate, Bro. Holland Smith, of Ala. Alpha Epsilon, and one initiate, Louis Brown Spratt, '04, of Livingston, Ala., we have a chapter of eight loyal A. T. O.'s. Bro. Drennen is captain of 'Varsity football team and manager of baseball team for 1902. Bro. Ennis is president of sophomore class. The football team promises to be good this year, and we are having good practice every day. We have several games arranged and are hopeful of success. The university is now on a course of steady improvement and there is nothing that would indicate an unsettled condition of affairs like last year's. We are devoted and enthusiastic, though not many. With best wishes for our chapters everywhere.

T. OWEN GILLESPIE, Cor.

CALIF. GAMMA IOTA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIF., BERKELEY.

Our chapter begins the new year in a new chapter house and, in every sense, under encouraging circumstances.

With great pleasure we introduce to our sister chapters our

new brothers, S. C. Asbill, W. B. G. Uller, W. C. Currlin, S. W. Savage and W. Steins.

Our alumni of last year are variously employed. Bros. Ellis and Plumb have positions as chemical experts in a sugar refinery; Bro. Powers is teaching in a high school in the Philippine Islands; Bro. Bigelow has entered the medical college, and Bro. Palmer will attend the Yale Dental college.

In the recent election of the sophomore class, Bro. Hamlin was elected president.

We look forward with pleasant anticipation to the proposed visit of Bro. Glazebrook. We hope to have a banquet while he is with us, in which our alumni in San Francisco will join us.

To our sister chapters we extend greeting.

E. A. HAMLIN, Cor.

COL. GAMMA LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER.

The baby chapter to its older sisters sends greeting. We have thrived during the summer months and believe that we are fully able to cope with the other fraternities located here.

We did not deem it advisable to occupy a chapter house, although the matter was fully considered. Instead we have rented two large front rooms in a centrally located business block. The rooms are newly finished and papered in the fraternity colors. We have furnished them excellently and repeatedly hear them called the best equipped in Boulder.

Of the fifteen charter members eleven have returned to school. Bro. Blackman and Bro. Hopkins were graduated and the former is assistant county attorney of Clear Creek county. The latter is superintendent of schools at Meeker, Colo. Bro. Dyer will attend the University of California and Brother May, Columbia.

The rest of us are here and we are working hard, every one of us, for the good of the chapter. Bro. Rothgerber is manager of the football team. Bro. Whitehead will undoubtedly play quarterback. Bro. Painter is a likely candidate for center. Bro. Snyder has been appointed assistant secretary of the university.

We are not in debt to any extent. In two months we shall have paid every debt and have a substantial surplus—a record in which we take no little pride.

We are overjoyed to welcome into our midst Bro. Nichols, of New York Alpha Lambda. Bro. Nichols has been appointed professor of history and political science and bids fair to rapidly become the most popular professor on the faculty.

There has been an unusual amount of rushing here this fall.

Alpha Tau Omega has done much less than her share, but we have four pledges and have two men in view, who will, we think, be desirable brothers. Altogether, we look forward to an exceedingly prosperous and pleasant year.

WALTER M. APPEL, Cor.

GA. ALPHA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, ATHENS.

The chapter here, up to date, have initiated five new men, all of whom we are proud to introduce to the Alpha Tau world.

The initates are as follows: R. P. Brooks, Valdosta, Ga., '03; B. S. Dobbs, Marietta, Ga., '04; D. S. Atkinson, Brunswick, Ga., '05; W. P. Griner, Dublin, Ga., '05; L. F. McCalla, Conyers, Ga., '05.

Brother C. F. Carlton affiliated with us from Mercer University.

We received a good share of the college honors at the opening of the term.

Bro. Jordan is captain of Cadets, Company C, and also business manager of the college annual, the *Pandora*. Bro. McCalla is captain of Junior baseball team. Bros. Cline, Welsh and Carter, '04, are corporals in corps of cadets.

The chapter is stronger at present than it has been for years, and we shall receive our share of all that is passing.

M. C. CARTER, Cor.

GA. ALPHA THETA, EMORY COLLEGE, OXFORD.

Emory's fall opening was very good. After carefully investigating and examining, we found three whom we considered up to Alpha Tau's standard, two of whom have been initiated and we are glad to present to the Grecian world Bros. Walter B. Hare and Cloud O. England, of Atlanta, Ga. We have pledged Mr. Boozer Payne, of Hogansville, Ga., and he will have been initiated when this reaches our sister chapters. We have no fear in entrusting the maltese cross to these three brothers.

As we return all of our old brothers, thirteen in number, we now have sixteen members united in the bonds of Alpha Tau love and friendship, and are prepared to take our usual stand in college circles.

Last year was an especially brilliant one for Alpha Theta in every way. We were represented upon the commencement stage by over fifty per cent of our active chapter, while our social features were unsurpassed.

Owing to our avoiding all political cliques and combinations, we cannot secure as many political honors as some fraternities

here, yet we have our share in classroom work and positions solely dependent upon merit.

We are anticipating a most successful year and contemplate extensive improvements in our hall.

All of our graduating brothers have been fortunate in securing good positions.

With love and best wishes for the success of our sister chapters.

CLIFFORD G. QUILLIAN, Cor.

GA. ALPHA ZETA, MERCER UNIVERSITY, MACON.

It seemed a rather gloomy time for Alpha Zeta when the opening college day brought only two men back to her hall. But we were determined, and our alumni stood behind us, or, we should say, stood *with* us, true and enthusiastic; and, as a result of our work, we have the pleasure of introducing to the A. T. O. world our new brothers: Robert Dukes Lee, Newnan, Ga., '05; James Anderson Northcutt, Acworth, Ga., '03; Lemon Autree, Acworth, Ga., '05; Prentice Edwards Findlay, Macon, Ga., '05.

Our pleasure was heightened by the return into our midst of Bro. D. Bertram Small, class of 1899, who has entered school again in the law department, and by the acquisition of Bro. William Naid McGehee, from Ga. Alpha Theta, class of '98, who also enters the law school.

Bros. Catler and Frank Hardeman, of the city, affiliate regularly with us, thus making a membership of ten.

The year looks bright for us and we cross its border with a heartfelt purpose to reflect in Alpha Zeta the prestige of Alpha Tau.

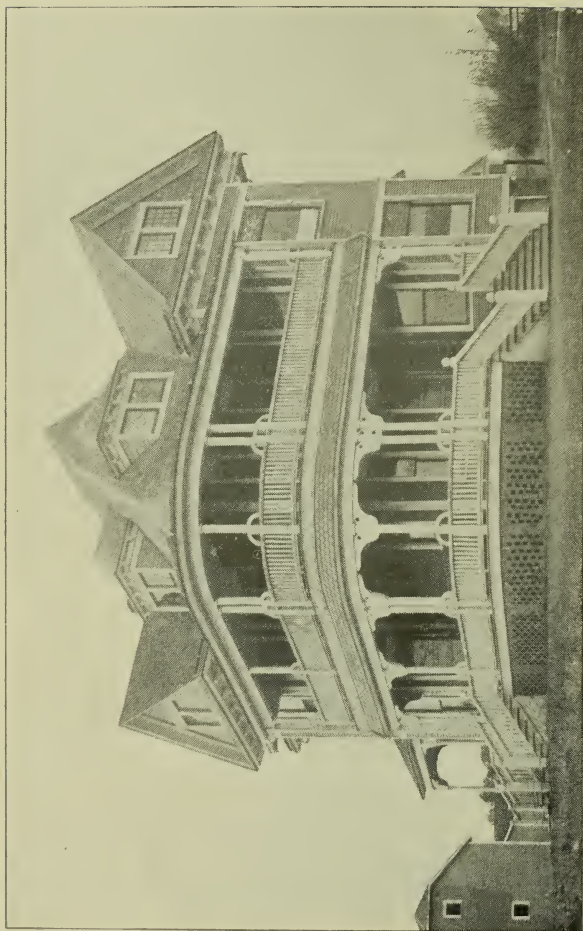
W. COLE JONES, Cor.

GA. BETA IOTA, GA. SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY, ATLANTA.

Eleven of our most loyal old members returned at the opening of college with a strong determination to keep up the good standing of old Ga. Beta Iota at the "Tech."

We were unfortunate in losing Bro. Will Young, of Eatonton, Ga., who accepted a position during the summer and was unable to return. In him we lose one of our best workers and students. Bro. Vernon Cooper, of Norwood, Ga., did not return for the same reason; while he was a new brother, he was full of the proper Alpha Tau spirit and will be an honor to his fraternity wherever he may be.

Bro. Guy Cole, of Newnan, Ga., will only be with us two weeks; he will leave, after preparing some in mathematics, for Cornell, where he will enter the freshman class.



CUT OF ILLS. GAMMA ZETA'S CHAPTER HOUSE.

Bro. Willard Newsom, of La Grange, Ga., will complete some unfinished work and will receive his diploma with the regular senior class of 1901 by November 1st; he will then locate in Newnan, Ga., where he has accepted an excellent position with the Cole Mfg. Co. Bro. Newsom has always put his love and interest for his fraternity and chapter above all else. Bro. Mandeville, from Carrollton, Ga., who was in college in 1900, but only a part of 1901, has entered Annapolis. Ga. Beta Iota is proud of Bro. Mandeville and we are glad that he was so successful in securing this appointment.

We have initiated only one man so far. Bro. George Parker, of Augusta, Ga., was the fortunate one, and while it took considerable work against other frats here to get him, we can congratulate ourselves and old Alpha Tau on securing this prize. After he had had an opportunity to look thoroughly into each frat and chapter here, he decided, as so many before have done, in favor of Alpha Tau. Bro. Barker has at once become one of our hardest workers for the cause, and we predict great things for him.

We are looking up a number of other men and have Mr. R. G. McAden, of Raleigh, N. C., pledged, and think we can say safely that we will take in about four men who are the pick of the frat material entered here this term.

Our finances are good, no debts at all; social standing at college and in the city, "tip top."

As to sisters in the city, there are none more loyal than ours.

Bro. Hope Hudson is the popular captain of the 1901 football team, and Bro. Roy Merry is manager of the 1902 baseball team, having been re elected to that position; he is also vice-president of the Athletic Association.

Ga. Beta Iota sends much love and best wishes to her sister chapters.

ROY G. MERRY, Acting Cor.

ILLINOIS GAMMA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN.

Illinois Gamma Zeta starts out this year with ten active members, four of whom are in the fraternity house, the other six being town members. The outlook, however, is excellent, three men having already been pledged. We have in sight a number of other men who are very desirable and have no doubt that we will be able to gather them in snugly before the end of the semester. Our house has been repaired and painted and we are now in a position to entertain nicely, so that the rushing of men is comparatively simple.

Bros. Schneck, Warren and Churchill have not returned to school this year. Bros. Smith and Barnett, who graduated last June, will attend Rush Medical College in Chicago. Bro. Bailey goes to Washington to study law.

The three new pledges are Messrs. Gridley, Condit and Wood, good men who will wear the maltese cross honorably and well.

Our best wishes for our sister chapters are again renewed.

W. N. DUNNING, Cor.

IND. GAMMA GAMMA, ROSE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, TERRE
HAUTE.

Indiana Gamma Gamma sends greetings and best wishes for the coming school year to her sister chapters. We have succeeded at last in getting installed in a house. There is room for eight of us to room at the house, and besides have two large rooms and a small room for our frat rooms.

The outlook for new men is very bright. The freshman class numbers about sixty-five, which is very large for Rose Poly. Although we cannot pledge any men until after Xmas holidays, we have our eyes open for good men and hope to get our share of them.

CHEN. HOUSUM, Cor.

LA. BETA EPSILON, TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS.

Since our last letter to the PALM, Tulane University has closed its doors for the summer, and Beta Epsilon concluded a most successful year. As our chapter report showed, we lost Bros. B. et U. Sims, H. L. Eustis and W. R. Leverich by graduation, but have three men pledged for next year and others in view, so expect to be as strong as ever. The long cherished hope of Beta Epsilon for a chapter house seems at last to be on the verge of fulfillment. At the last meeting of the administrators of the university, it was decided to allow the fraternities to erect chapter houses. When the time comes, Beta Epsilon is going to have the choice of the ground allotted for that purpose. A committee of three brothers from the alumni have started booming the matter and we hope to mention in our next letter that active steps are in progress towards the fulfillment of our hope. At our last election the following officers were elected for the summer: Bro. G. L. Dupré, W. M.; Bro. C. L. Eshleman, W. C.; Bro. C. Green, W. K. A.; Bro. R. Leverich, W. K. E.; Bro. Jno. Janvier, W. S.; Bro. B. Finley, W. U.; Bro. G. O'Connor, W. Sent., and Bro. I. S. Eshleman, Cor.

With best wishes to our sister chapters.

W. K. LEVERICH, Cor.

MASS. GAMMA BETA, TUFTS COLLEGE, MASS.

When college opened this fall all of last year's men were back, and since then three new men have been added to the chapter roll. They are Bro. Harvey Toy, of San Francisco; Bro. Waldo E. Dodge, of Hyde Park, Mass., and Bro. Ralph Stowell, of Lynnfield, Mass. We have pledged five more men, whom we expect to initiate within a short time.

Bro. Richards, of Colby, '01, is holding a fellowship here this year.

There were several alumni present at our last meeting, also a letter was received from Bro. F. L. Hayford, '01, who is teaching in the Philippines. He wrote that his voyage was a most pleasant one, for with him on the trip were six other A. T. O.'s, representing all parts of the Union.

Bro. W. C. West, '01, is planning to leave us, and go way down to the wilds of Mexico as a mining chemist.

This year's football team is managed by Bro. Forrest E. Tarr, and he is assisted by Bro. Oscar Creeley, and on the Glee Club we expect to be represented by four or five men.

F. L. SHAW, Cor.

ME. BETA UPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, ORONO.

Our chapter begins the new year in a prosperous condition. Last June we lost three men by graduation, but with the seven men we now have pledged, the chapter house will be filled.

A. T. O. has had its choice of the freshman class this year, admission being sought after so strongly, that we feel highly pleased with our popularity.

Bro. Caswell, who was instructor in Physics, leaves his position to enter the employ of the Portland Co. at Portland.

We are well represented on the football field this year by Bros Cole, Sawyer, Bean and several pledged men. We also have our share of men in the glee club, and some of our new men are trying hard for places.

Bro. Bean has been elected president of his class and everyone aims to keep A. T. O. at the front.

R. E. MULLANEY, Cor.

ME. GAMMA ALPHA, COLBY COLLEGE, WATERVILLE.

The new college year finds Gamma Alpha reduced in numbers, there being but seven active members in the chapter. But we have enthusiasm enough for double our number. Two worthy men from the entering class are already pledged.

Of our active members, Bro. Larsson is center on the 'Var-

sity eleven, also member of the *Echo* staff, and college orchestra. Bro. Koch is president of the Y. M. C. A., and Bro. Watts, associate editor of our College Annual.

We are pleased to state that all our last year's graduates are well employed; some in further study, others putting their training into practical use.

We are looking forward to a pleasant and profitable year.

We wish success to all sister chapters.

F. M. ALLEN, Cor.

MICH. ALPHA MU, ADRIAN COLLEGE, ADRIAN.

Alpha Mu sends greetings to all sister chapters, and wishes them a successful year in A. T. O.

Our college year opened with a moderate attendance, and five members of Alpha Mu, with true fraternity spirit, went to work with a will, and we have already initiated one man and two others are pledged. Allow us to introduce to the fraternity Waitman Earl Alexander, of Uniontown, Pa. We have our share of honors this fall. Two of our boys are on the staff of the *College World*. Bro. Hawkins is president of the Y. M. C. A., and Bro. Martin is a member of the college quartette. An Alpha Tau is also president of the athletic association. In an intersociety debate, to be held next month, four of the six debaters are A. T. O.'s. We expect to send three delegates to our state convention at Albion in February.

T. M. GLADDEN, Cor.

MICH. BETA KAPPA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE, HILLSDALE.

Work for the college year opened Sept. 10th, with an increase in attendance and interest over last year. Although our list of active members was somewhat shortened by the graduation of seven of our Brothers, yet, with two ready for initiation, four wearing gold and white for the first time and flattering prospects of more, the future seems to forebode no evil for Beta Kappa.

As the result of our careful work I am able to introduce to the general fraternity Bros. Jno. Shultz, Chas. Wood, John Cummins and Charles Zimmerman.

Bro. H. B. DePew was recently elected manager of gent's basket ball team and the PALM representative was elected treasurer of athletic association.

Those who went out by graduation last spring are: Bros. C. C. Mitchell, E. W. Van Aken, B. S. Alward, C. E. Sickley, B. H. Taylor, E. L. True and Harry Hull. Of the above number

Bros. Hull and True are taking post-graduate work, while Bro. Taylor has been retained as instructor in Hebrew.

JUD WILEY, Cor.

MICHIGAN BETA OMICRON, ALBION COLLEGE, ALBION.

Another school year has opened for us and we have every reason to believe that it will be a very pleasant and profitable one. The attendance is about the same as last year and some very good material has entered college.

We started the year with nine active members and three pledged members, thus having a good strong foundation. These three pledged men, Wade Greene, George Hunt and Arthur Miller, will all be initiated before the first number of the PALM is issued, and will make us very strong active members. In looking over the new men, we have thus far secured one fine young man, Henry H. Karsten, of Zeeland, and we hope within a few days to put our pledge colors on a few more.

Although we feel the loss of our six men who graduated last June, still we do not have to despair as we are the strongest chapter of any of the four fraternities in the college.

We are again located in the same rooms we occupied last year and have fitted them up real cosily and prettily, so that it is always a pleasure for us to spend an evening at our rooms.

Bros. Hunt and Karsten are the only "Faus" who are trying for positions on the football team, and both stand very good chances of getting positions.

In the death of Professor Benner, the head of the mathematics department, the college has suffered a great loss, and the fraternity has lost one of its best friends, as the Alpha Tau Omega boys always were much loved and respected by him.

Beta Omicron hereby sends its greetings to all her sister chapters, and wishes to all a most prosperous and enjoyable year.

ARTHUR DUPREE, Cor.

NEB. GAMMA THETA, UNIV. OF NEB., LINCOLN.

The beginning of our fifth year is marked by unusually bright prospects of success, although we have sustained a loss of nearly fifty per cent of last year's members.

Among those who are not with us this fall are Bros. Culver and Hanna, who are engaged in a railroad enterprise in the Philippine Islands; Bro. Morrison, practicing law in Kansas City, Mo., and Bro. Folsom, engaged in cattle business in Wyoming.

We deeply mourn the death of Bro. Paul Hunger, an extraordinarily promising member of our chapter.

The names of the new men, initiated or pledged, are as follows: Malony, Mossoart, Potts, Smith, Williams, Windmeyer and Hudson. Space will not allow a description of each man, but, from the amount of interest they now display, we predict great results.

We received short visits from Bros. Rodgers, Nunemaker, Miller, Conkling and Folmer, who stopped with us on their way to and from the football game with Minnesota University. The greatest part of our chapter also attended and several calls were made in the interest of our fraternity at large.

Neb. Gamma Theta does not feel so lonesome now that A. T. O. has been established in Colorado, and with neighbors in Kansas and in Minnesota, we could appreciate our fraternal bonds more, as do our Eastern brethren.

Brother Fred W. Brown and Miss Grace L. Bishsp were married Oct. 12.

FRED J. SCHAUFELBERGER, Cor.

N. Y. ALPHA LAMBDA, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK.

Columbia opens its doors and halls for work on October 7th, and most A. T. O.'s of our chapter are still enjoying the last days of their vacation at their respective homes. During their absence, however, the chapter-house committee has been busy arranging quarters for the members. We have succeeded in engaging a number of rooms in a private house, and if we can get enough men to fill the house we shall be as comfortable as though we owned it. The next year will still be a critical year for our young chapter; but if as much fruitful energy and as much unity of spirit, with the constant kind support of our older brothers, are displayed in the coming term as have been displayed in the last, Alpha Lambda will hold an enviable position among the fraternities at Columbia.

We have lost two good men since last term: Bro. Frank Fall, our sweet tempered musician, and Bro. G. N. Batchelder, who has done much in showing us that "Alpha Tau spirit." He is now employed as a chemist in Montreal.

Greetings and best wishes to all the chapters.

OTTO PULLICH, Cor.

N. Y. ALPHA OMICRON, ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY, CANTON.

Alpha Omicron begins the present college year with eighteen men in a fine new club house, recently fitted up for that purpose. With complete appointments and luxurious furnishings, we are situated in an ideal place, and will have a palatial chapter house for several years. We expect our next move will be into a chapter house of our own.

Nearly all the brothers returned early and have been taking good care of a number of fine freshmen. There is a large class entering St. Lawrence this fall, with excellent fraternity material in it, and we hope in our next letter to introduce as Alpha Taus some very fine men.

Brother Roblin will captain the football team this fall and Brother Hoard, the basket ball team this winter. We are also holding the chief editorship of the college paper for the third successive year.

Brother Wilson T. Moog, who spent last year at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, has decided to take another year at college.

Brother Irving Bacheller, the now famous author, while visiting Andrew Carnegie this summer secured a gift of \$30,000 for a library at Canton, N. Y.

Alpha Omicron sends best wishes for a prosperous year to her sister chapters.

D. STANLEY BRIGGS, Cor.

N. Y. BETA THETA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA.

New York Beta Theta extends its greetings to sister chapters for a prosperous year.

We started the year with but seventeen men, having lost seven by graduation in June and two, Bros. Parker and Gleason having failed to return. Bro. Gleason has gone to Columbia University for a medical course.

So far we have gotten some excellent material from the freshman class and in our next letter will introduce some worthy new brothers to Alpha Tau.

JOHN C. TREFTS, Cor.

N. C. XI, TRINITY COLLEGE, DURHAM.

N. C. Xi opened the new year with excellent prospects. Nine of our chapter returned at the opening of college, and it is probable that we have never had a more enthusiastic body.

Our initiation was held some time ago, and as a result, we take pleasure in introducing to the Alpha Tau Omega world Bro. E. M. Loughton, of Bamburg, S. C.; Bro. C. W. Chadwick, of Beaufort, N. C.; Bro. H. M. Heath, of Charlotte, N. C., and Bro. H. C. Satterfield, of Roxboro, N. C. All these men give promise of becoming loyal and enthusiastic Alpha Taus. We were glad to have with us at the initiation Bros. Reade, Flowers and Hendren.

Bro. R. P. Reade, who is now studying law at the University of Michigan, was with us a few weeks ago, and his short visit was much enjoyed by the chapter.

Bro. G. H. Flowers, who left college last year on account of sickness, is with us again. Bro. J. M. Flowers has accepted a position in New York.

N. C. Xi has her share of college honors. Bro. F. C. Odell is manager of the baseball team while Bro. L. P. Howard has been selected as one of the three speakers to represent Trinity in our coming intercollegiate debate.

Our chapter now consists of thirteen members, this being the largest number we have had for several years past. We are holding semi monthly meetings in our chapter hall, although we hope in our next letter to have something definite to say with reference to a chapter house.

With best wishes to sister chapters.

H. R. DWIRE, Cor.

N. C. ALPHA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF N. C., CHAPEL HILL.

Alpha Delta takes great pleasure in again extending a most cordial greeting to all her sister chapters.

Six of last year's chapter appeared on the hill at the opening of college, and since that time we have extended the benefits of our most noble brotherhood to two men, Mr. Severn Heigh, '04, Fayetteville, N. C., and Mr. Edward James Pemberton of the same place. These new workers have entered into the workings of the order with the right spirit.

Bro. Geo. C. Worth was rendered unable to return this fall on account of an attack of typhoid fever from which he has not entirely recovered.

Bro. Phifer, the pharmacist, successfully passed the state board examination, and is now a licensed pharmacist. Brother Haywood Faison gave up the pursuit of his studies to accept a position with the S. A. L. Ry.

Bro. James C. McRae, Jr., the renowned half back, is coaching the Agricultural and Mechanical college football team. We wish his team success.

We were glad to have with us for a few days Bro. George Worth, the returned doctor missionary from China. He delivered a very interesting lecture on the situation in China.

All of the brothers were glad to meet Bro. H. E. Moore, of Georgia, representing D. L. Auld.

The year which has just passed has been a very successful one. We trust the future has much that is good in store for us.

THOS. C. WORTH, Cor.

OHIO ALPHA NU, MOUNT UNION COLLEGE, ALLIANCE.

Ohio Alpha Nu extends greetings to her sister chapters and best wishes for a successful year. The local situation is very encouraging. Fourteen of the old brothers started in school this term and six of them are rooming in the chapter house. There will be five Alpha Taus in the graduating class this year.

The opening of school was delayed and darkened by a two-fold sadness. President McKinley's death was quite a blow to the institution, as he had been for thirteen years a trustee of the college and was always a good friend and frequent visitor. A few days later Dr. O. N. Hartshorn, the venerable founder, and, for forty years president of the college, passed away. The college owes its existence to his efforts and his loss was deeply mourned.

Class work commenced Sept. 23rd. We have already pledged one man, Waldo McDowell, '05, and T. F. Baily, '05, another pledged man is in school and we expect to initiate them soon.

Bro. V. C. Snyder is manager of the foot ball team and, with the aid of a good Harvard coach, will put out a strong team to represent Mt. Union. Bro. E. G. Powell is playing fullback, Bro. H. R. Snyder, half-back, and Bro. J. T. Hanlon, left end, on the team. McDowell, pledged, will probably play the other end.

Bro. R. H. Carr is president of the Dynamo Association, which has charge of the college monthly, and Bro. W. F. Finley is treasurer and business manager.

Bro. G. T. Ohl was unable to re-enter school on account of illness in his family.

Bro. James Hoffman is back again this term after a short absence from school.

Bro. G. E. Allott, '01, is taking some post-graduate work in language.

Bro. I. E. Powell, '01, has entered Ohio State University to take a course in electrical engineering.

Five brothers attended the summer school of the college this year.

The outlook for the present year with Alpha Nu is very bright in every line of fraternity work. The chapter house has been painted and newly furnished to a large extent inside. Several of the alumni have paid welcome visits to the chapter recently, and an excellent fraternal spirit prevails among the brothers.

R. H. CARR, Cor.

OHIO ALPHA PSI, WITTENBERG COLLEGE, SPRINGFIELD.

This year finds Ohio Alpha Psi in better condition than ever

before. Every brother has the interest of the fraternity at heart and works unceasingly to maintain the high standard that the chapter has always held in college. On account of the scarcity of material the outlook for new men was very poor, but by hard labor Fuller Wallace, of Bellfontaine, Ohio, and James Wilson, of Van Wert, Ohio, were initiated into the mysteries of Alpha Tau Omega. Bro. Wallace had bids from every fraternity in the college and Bro. Wilson was rushed by several others. Both new brothers are popular in college circles and will no doubt bring honor to the chapter.

At present the chapter is arranging to fit up more commodious quarters in the city. On account of the great scarcity of houses, the chapter was unable to obtain one this year, but at the first opportunity it is our purpose to get a house.

We have pledged George Moatze, who came to us from Susquehanna college, also Charles Collier, of Nokios, Ill., and Alf. Potter, of Springfield.

In athletics the chapter more than holds its own, as Bros. Miller, Gurlough, Wallace and Scherer are all making a fine showing on the field in practice.

Although cut down in numbers by the graduation of Bros. Simon, Laughbaum, Sheese and Rugh, and the departure of Bro. Elder to Ohio State University, the brothers are determined that Alpha Psi shall be more prosperous than ever.

The chapter extends greetings to all sister chapters and wishes them the same bright prospects that Alpha Psi has before her for the coming year.

HAROLD O. KAPP, Cor.

OHIO BETA ETA, WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, DELAWARE.

The Ohio Beta Eta chapter is now in a more promising condition than for the past three years. We had seven initiated members back at the beginning of school. Two of them, Bros. Givin and Franks, have not been in school since '98. Two more, H. H. Givin and R. B. Rubins have been initiated this term. We have also added three more to our pledged list.

Bro. Mahon, of Massilon, O., has been in town several times and has been of great help to us.

Our financial condition is good.

We intend to be a force in school this year and to live up to the true principles of the A. T. O. fraternity.

J. PAUL THOMPSON, Cor.

OHIO BETA MU, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY, WOOSTER.

Alpha Tau Omega is still holding first place among the fraternities at Wooster. The boys all come back this fall with a deeper love for Alpha Tau and with an enthusiasm and impatient eagerness to "get at that new man."

We lost but one brother by graduation last spring—Bro. McCloskey.

With regret do we make the announcement that Bros. Fisher, Robinson, Anderson, Harrington and Turner have left us. Bro. Fisher was married Aug. 28, and is now living at his home in Bolivar, O. Bro. Robinson is at Adelbert College, Cleveland, this year. Bro. Anderson has taken up architecture at Cornell, while Bro. Harrington is studying journalism at O. S. U. It is possible that Bro. Turner will be with us later in the year.

At the beginning of the term we gave a delightful stag party in our suite of rooms. Another social feature this term is to be an afternoon reception, which will be given soon in our spacious hall down town.

With pleasure do we introduce to the Alpha Tau world two new brothers, Glenn D. Willaman and Paul Ringland, the latter coming to Wooster this year from Dennison College.

Bro. Whitecraft is playing right end on the football team. Bro. Michael is taking a lively interest, and has been elected manager of the baseball team for next year. Bro. Weld is president of the athletic association and is captain of next year's tennis team. Bro. Schwenke is representative of the junior class on the athletic board. Bro. Wilson is president of the Volunteer Band, and our men are prominent in other organizations.

We have pledged Arthur F. Blaser, a powerful and popular man, who is manager of the football team, president of the university band, and will take college honors. He was captain of the baseball team last spring, playing third base. The faculty prohibit fraternities from pledging Freshmen until after Dec. 1st.

Bro. F. D. Crowl was recently elected president of the Oratorical Association.

Bro. Whitcraft is also president of the freshman class, and Bro. Willaman is vice president of the sophomore class.

Our chapter has been visited this fall by Bros. Ralph Hickok, '99; Arden Yinkey, ex '02, and H. F. Harrington, ex '04.

Beta Mu sends her warmest greetings to her sister chapters.

H. B. SIMON, Cor.

O. BETA OMEGA, STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS.

The Ohio State University opened this week with the largest registration in its history, and Ohio Beta Omega begins the year with the largest number of men it has had for many years. All of the old men, except two, have returned, and Bros. Elder, of Ohio Alpha Psi; Harrington, of Ohio Beta Mu, and Powell, of Ohio Alpha Nu, will affiliate with us.

This chapter goes into a rented frat. house this fall, at 1463 North High street, where we hope to see all Alpha Taus who come to Columbus.

We have several men in view from the freshman class and expect to make this year the most successful in the history of the chapter. We wish the same success to all chapters.

GEORGE M. PARSONS, Cor.

OHIO GAMMA KAPPA, WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY, CLEVELAND.

At the beginning of another year, Ohio Gamma Kappa extends best wishes to her sister chapters and to the PALM.

Since the close of the last school year, Ohio Gamma Kappa has been able to secure and furnish a chapter house. The house is a new, modern, three-story frame building situated at 143 Cornell street, the main drive connecting Euclid avenue and the Heights.

We are greatly indebted to the members of the committee and Alumni Association for their earnest and successful efforts in securing for us a house which ranks with the best in the school. The members of this committee are Bros. Herr, Fish, Coates and Rider. Their success is due, in a large measure, to the advice and help of Bro. J. B. Ruhl, president of the Cleveland Alumni Association.

We begin the year at Adelbert, with eleven active members, all of whom have the interest of the fraternity at heart, and we feel sure that before the year has ended we will be able to present several new "Bros." to the Alpha Tau world.

Aside from the men in Adelbert we have Bros. Slusser and Ake, of Ohio Beta Mu, in the law school, and Stewart, of Ohio Gamma Kappa, in the medical school; Bros. Simons, of Ohio Alpha Nu, Bear and Robinson, of Ohio Beta Mu, in Case school.

We have pledged Mr. Dunbar and Mr. Ruggles, and have our eyes on several others whom we expect to pledge before our next letter.

Four men were lost to us last year by graduation; Bros. Coates, Herr, Beman and Shimmon.

On the editorial staff of the college monthly we are represented by Bro. Reese.

Bros. Stewart, Williams and Ruggles (pledged) are working hard at football, with excellent prospects for positions on the team.

Bro. Fish has been elected manager of the basket-ball team.

Bro. Stewart has been elected captain of the basket-ball team.

During the summer we have received calls from Bros. Curtis, Allott, Kanney, Carr, and Watson.

Ohio Gamma Kappa intends soon to give a house warming to the students of the Woman's College, Adelbert and their many friends.

We wish all Alpha Taus who have occasion to be in the city to remember that we are at home at 143 Cornell street.

J. J. LANE, Cor.

PA. ALPHA IOTA, MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, ALLENTOWN.

To all her sister chapters. Pa. Alpha Iota sends greeting for a prosperous and successful year.

The beginning of this collegiate year marks the twentieth year of our efforts to bind together men, good and true, in the bonds of fraternity. To appropriately commemorate the success which has thus far attended us, we have made full preparation to celebrate the event by a general reunion of all our members, both active and alumni.

Although several of our active brothers had expressed doubt as to their return, we are glad to say that all but one have resumed their respective places in their classes. Surely the bond of friendship that binds us together is a hard one to sever.

At present we number twenty, having but recently augmented our membership by the addition of Bros. Shankweiler, '05, and Kleckner, '04.

We are glad to inform our sister chapters that the nucleus of a house-building fund has materialized.

In the reinstatement of the Epsilon Deuteron chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at our place, we have received a new and wakeful competitor; but we feel confident of remaining, as we always have been, *the* fraternity.

In our college life we have proven ourselves leaders, and well worthy the admiration of our fellow collegemen.

Through the untiring efforts of Bro. Worth, the class of 1901 crowned its four-years' work with a commendable and much appreciated class day program, in which Bros. Shimer, Schell and

Benner participated. Bro. Freed represented the junior class in responding to the Key Oration.

Bro. Dennis served very acceptably as business manager of the freshman class play entitled "Enlisted For The War." In the rendition of the same, Bros. McCollom, Rentzheimer, Haines and Guth acquitted themselves quite ably.

On Commencement Day, Bro. Shimer delivered the Salutatory, Bro. Schell, the German Oration, and Bro. Benner, an oration.

The publication of the 1902 *Ciarla*, our college annual, so ably managed by Bro. Geiger, proved a pronounced success. Bro. Freed served as editor-in-chief and Bro. Moyer as assistant editor.

Bro. Geiger, by virtue of his ability in athletics, has been chosen captain of the football team. Bros. Shalter, Shimer, Kleckner, Walborn and Miller hold positions on the regular team.

Bros. Geiger and Miller have figured quite prominently on our college basketball team.

In our literary societies our men are honored with positions of importance, and our influence is felt in every circle of activity.

Bro. Benner, '01, has entered Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, and Bro. Schell, '01, has been enrolled in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.

Bro. Worth, '01, is a student in the law department at the University of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Shimer, '01, is assisting Bro. Merkel in the academic department.

SAM'L E. MOYER, Cor.

PENN. ALPHA UPSILON, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE, GETTYSBURG.

Having lost only one man by graduation, we desire to inform our sister chapters that the opening of college finds us in prosperous condition.

We have not initiated any new brothers as yet, although we have two pledged men and several others in view.

Bro. Speer, Captain of the football squad, has been putting his men through very successful preliminary training, and indications point to a strong team. Alpha Tau will have at least three representatives on the 'Varsity.

Bro. Diehl has been elected captain of the football reserves. He possesses the qualities of a 'Varsity player.

Bros. Kohler, '98; Dietrick, '00; Weigle, '00, and Frey, '01, spent several days with the chapter at the opening of college.

Bro. Weigle, '00, has accepted the Greek professorship in the preparatory department of this college.

Bro. Frey, '01, will enter the University of Penn. Law Department.

Bro. J. A. Smyser will resume his work as Physical Director in the gymnasium.

Bro. Gross, '01, has returned and will enter the theological seminary at this place.

Bro. Gusey, '04, has been chosen historian of his class.

Bro. Rentz, '03, holds the position of asst. business manager of the *Spectrum*.

With the chapter in prosperous condition we have a desire it may remain so, and to this end we will strive earnestly during the year for a chapter house, for which we have already received some liberal contributions.

JACOB DIEHL, Cor.

PENN. ALPHA PI, W. & J. COLLEGE, WASHINGTON.

Pennsylvania Alpha Pi salutes her sister chapters and wishes them a very successful year. Our chapter now consists of fourteen men, with four fine fellows pledged: Audley McFarland and Frank H. Berthel, of Washington, Pa.; E. Ralph Loucks, of Scotdale, Pa., and R. E. Forsythe, of Finleyville, Pa.

We have moved into a fine house in the best section of the town. The house contains nine rooms, besides a bath room and large reception hall.

We have been very busy fixing up, but have pretty nearly everything now, excepting a few pictures and chairs. Ten of the boys are in the house. We have purchased the house, paying for it by the month.

We have three men that stand a good chance of getting positions on the Varsity football team, Bro. McKeever at end and Bros. Hugh and Montgomery at half-back. We also have several men on the scrub team.

Brother McDonough was elected secretary of the Athletic Association by the student body.

E. R. Loucks, one of our pledged men, is captain of the freshman football team, while Audley McFarland, another of our pledged men who is in the class of '06, is captain of the preparatory football team.

Bro. Kuder has just retired from the presidency of the Philo and Union Literary Society.

Brother Loucks was elected treasurer of the Junior class and captain of the Varsity baseball team for 1902.

ERNEST R. BROOKS, Cor.

R. I. GAMMA DELTA, BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE.

The college year is now well under way and with its opening comes the rushing season. There are fourteen fraternities at Brown and the fall of each year witnesses a great deal of activity among them in their efforts to secure new men. We have already held two highly successful "rush meetings" at which many of the most prominent freshmen have been present. Four good men are now pledged, which makes our prospects bright for a strong delegation, since we have our eyes on several more.

Eighteen brothers have returned to college this year, all thoroughly imbued with a desire to still further strengthen the influence of A. T. O. in college affairs. We are represented on the football and baseball teams as well as on the musical clubs. Bros. Johnson, Pierce and Corey are among the sure point winners on the track team. Our resident alumni are taking active interest in our welfare, and it is a fact worthy of mention that at one of the "rush meetings," representatives from every class from '95 to '05 were present.

Our finances are in a satisfactory condition and there seems to be no reason why the coming year should not be the most prosperous in our annals.

Gamma Delta sends greetings to her sister chapters.

LEON A. DRURY, Cor.

S. C. BETA XI, COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON, CHARLESTON.

Our college opens this year with the largest enrollment in its history; so, although the new session finds our chapter weak in numbers, nevertheless, we are strong in hopes.

We lost three brothers by graduation last June, Bros. S. W. McIver, Allen Jones Jervey and McM. Mazyck. The first has accepted a position with the Olympia Mills, of Columbia, the largest southern cotton factory. Bros. Jervey and Mazyck have entered the South Carolina Medical College.

Bro. M. P. Brawley is a student at the University of Virginia.

The chapter regrets that, owing to illness, Bro. H. A. M. Smith has been unable to resume his college work. Bro. Smith is popular with all and we hope soon to have him with us once more.

Our old rooms overlooking the campus have been retained for the coming year. We have three new men pledged, besides having our eyes on several others.

This being Exposition year, S. C. Beta Xi extends to all

visiting brothers a hearty invitation to our college and chapter hall.

E. T. H. SHAFFER, Cor.

TENN. ALPHA TAU, S. W. PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY, CLARKSVILLE.

Our university opened September 18th. After three months of recreation, Tenn. Alpha Tau reassembles with six old men. All return full of enthusiasm and determination. With great pleasure we welcome into our number Bro. T. S. Knox, from Texas Gamma Eta.

Among the new students we find some good material, and trust that by the time for the next issue of the PALM, we can introduce several new men into the hidden mysteries of Alpha Tau Omega.

Last commencement ended a most prosperous year in the history of Alpha Tau. Though only nine in numbers, we feel justly proud that we hold such a liberal share in university honors. The commencement banquet given by the chapter to her friends, was a great success, and is still much talked of throughout the city. On the program for class night we held three places. With "Class Will," Bro. G. B. Hall made a decided hit. As "Prevaricator," Bro. W. L. Hall can never be surpassed, while Bro. A. M. Warner presented the class picture in his usual happy and graceful manner.

We begin the new year under the most flattering prospects with the following university honors:

Bro. C. E. Allen, president of Stewart Literary Society; representative of Univ. Y. M. C. A. at Asheville Summer School; winner of International Greek prize of 1901.

Bro. W. W. Wolf, president of Y. M. C. A. and associate editor of S. P. U. *Journal*.

Bro. Thos. L. Green, president of Athletic Association and business manager of S. P. U. *Journal*.

Of the brothers who went out from us last year, Bro. H. N. Hall is teaching school, Bro. W. L. Hall is engaged in extensive agricultural pursuits and Bro. A. M. Warner goes to Cornell University.

Tenn. Alpha Tau sends her most hearty greetings to all brothers in A. T. O., and wishes the greatest success for all sister chapters.

THOS. L. GREEN, Cor.

TENN. BETA PI, VANDERBILT UNIV., NASHVILLE.

It is always a time of great rejoicing when men who have

been separated for three months get back to school and begin to take up the old lines of association. Every man seems glad to see every other and such a spirit of good fellowship prevails that one is almost repaid for the long weary days of summer.

Then there are always a large number of new men coming in and this always affords interest for every man who has already spent some years in his university. But one of the greatest pleasures of the first days of school is to take the fraternity brothers by the hand and receive from them words of cheer and welcome. Vanderbilt opens this year with prospects of nearly a thousand students and out of their number Beta Pi hopes to get a goodly number of men with the real fraternity spirit.

Our number of old men is very small but they are all eager, hard-working fellows, and our outlook for the future is fine. The six men who graduated and left our chapter last year are already filling places of note, as may be seen from the personal items. Every man who remains in college wants to make the chapter fully worthy of the achievements of the past.

We send greetings of love to all our sister chapters.

W. D. WEATHERFORD, Cor.

TENN. BETA TAU, S. W. B. UNIVERSITY, JACKSON.

Although our chapter had five seniors last year to go out from the institution, she has enough left to furnish six for the graduating class this year.

Bro. W. R. Phillips, '01, is principal of the Alamo High School. Bro. A. V. Patton, '01, is first assistant in the Halls High School. Bros. T. C. Flowers and J. F. Ray are doing post graduate work with us this year.

Bro. D. D. Shuck is filling an important pastorate at Water Valley, Miss.

Our officers for the year are W. E. Hunter, W. M., and J. M. Trout, Jr., W. S., etc.

We begin the year with the largest membership of any fraternity in the college, and will be able to report three new initiates in next letter.

On the staff of our college magazine, Beta Tau has editor-in-chief and two other members. We also furnished the presidents for the two literary societies, religious inquiry, and missionary societies. Best wishes for every brother.

J. F. RAY, Cor.

TENN. PI, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE.

Since our last letter to the PALM we have all had a pleasant vacation. Four of us are back now and getting ourselves down

to another year's work. We lost two good men by graduation last year, Bros. Frank M. Brockman and J. Howard Stakely. Bro. Brockman is in Louisville attending a medical school, and Bro. Stakely is teaching a girls' school at College Park, near Atlanta.

We have taken in only one man so far, Marion G. Hope, of Chattanooga, son of Judge M. M. Hope, but we are counting on another to join in the near future. There are also several whom we are considering but have not asked to join us as yet.

We are now considering a chapter house and hope in a short while to be domiciled in a place where we may enjoy fraternity life more fully.

The Tenn. Pi sends greetings to the other chapters.

GEO. FLOYD ROSS, Cor.

TENN. OMEGA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, SEWANEE.

With this letter we take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large our four handsome and worthy new brothers: Bro. George Barnes Shelby, of Shelby, Miss., Bro. Rupert McPherson Colmore, of Sewanee, Tenn., Bro. Jacob George Wanmaker, of Orangeburg, S. C., and Bro. William Bisland Connell, of Ellendale, La. These brothers were rushed like summer girls by the other fraternities, but, as usual, the Alpha Taus were the favored suitors. The appearance of our chapter house is being greatly improved by a beautiful fence, the gift of Bro. John D. Shaffer. The base is of Sewanee sandstone, with an iron top of a very pretty design.

Among other improvements that are being made are two very appropriate memorial windows to Bro. Joseph Lovell and Bro. W. B. Thompson. These windows are gifts of alumni, in token of the loving regard in which these brothers are held. We have enjoyed visits from many of our alumni during the summer, and it was not only a pleasure to see them here, but our hearts have been warmed and our enthusiasm quickened at seeing their love and interest, which, if possible, has grown during the years of separation. In athletics we have the secretary and treasurer of the General Athletic Association, the captain, manager and assistant manager of the football team, as well as several very promising candidates for the team.

With the fairest of prospects before her for the coming season, Tenn. Omega extends to all sister chapters her best wishes and fraternal greetings.

THADDEUS A. CHEATHAM, Cor.

TEX. GAMMA ETA, UNIV. OF TEXAS, AUSTIN.

The 18th session of the University of Texas began on Sept. 25, and at present the struggle for existence in Greekdome is very intense. Though few in number, only six of our old men having returned, we feel confident of obtaining our full share of the new material. As yet we have pledged only one man.

Bro. Scott Key, one of our charter members, will not be with us this year. He is practicing law in Waco, Tex.

With best wishes to our sister chapters.

W. H. THOMAS, Cor.

VT. BETA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, BURLINGTON.

The new year is opening very propitiously. We have several good men pledged and the "horse shedding" season has just begun. Among our pledged men are a first-class baseball man ('04), and a good football man ('05). The addition of billiard parlors to our rooms makes them the ideal frat quarters. Among class honors Beta Zeta is very well represented, the president of the senior class being Bro. Donahue, the secretary of the junior class, Bro. Eaton, and treasurer of the sophomore class, Bro. Macrae.

Bro. Wadleigh, who graduated last year, is pursuing a post-graduate course at the University of Leipzig.

Bro. Brand has entered the employ of the General Chemical Co., and is located at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Bro. Carpenter is studying law at his home in Richford, Vt.

Bro. Wilson has resigned his position in New York City, and has returned to complete his course.

Bro. Lamson, who has been spending a month with us, has returned to his position in Cuba. Bro. Lamson will have his headquarters at Havana.

Bro. Harry Smith, who has lately returned from Colorado, was with us through "horse-shedding."

Beta Zeta extends an earnest invitation to all Alpha Taus to call on us when in Burlington.

For the past seven years our chapter has occupied the entire third floor of a block in the business center of the town which was arranged to suit her needs when the block was built. The front room 24x40 is used as a general reception hall, here is her piano, and here her dances take place. Back of this is a secret hall for meetings, which has no communication with the outside air and will accommodate thirty. At the back of the building is a smoking room 12x14. This fall she has leased an addition to her

former quarters the rear half of the second floor, a large airy room finished in natural wood throughout, and has installed therein a new pool table and a new billiard table, with outfit complete. The room is comfortably furnished and the chapter naturally expects to devise much enjoyment from its use.

CHAS. R. WILDER, Cor.

VA. DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE.

Virginia Delta extends the warm grip to all her sister chapters and wishes them the top of the morning for the ensuing year.

Our chapter this year consists of:

Old members: Bros. Benet, Hamner, Harrison, Bayless, Renshaw, Stiles, Tucker, Urquhart and Walker.

Affiliates: Bros. Tom Henderson and Marion Brawley.

On the 29th of September we initiated the following: W. H. Orr, A. W. Tucker, F. Martin, J. Osborne, J. J. Williams, W. L. Tergueson and C. Wissicer.

All these men were much sought after by other leading fraternities, and we may consider them worthy acquisitions to Alpha Tau.

WILLIAMS CARTER WICKAM RENSHAW, Cor.

A DREAM OF GREEK LETTERS.

BY PROF. MAURICE HUTTON, Toronto.

IT was in the early days of last October when the maple leaf was red upon the tree, that the Irony of Fate, that theme of Grecian poet and English novelist, appeared to me more than usually ironical. I received an urgent solicitation to leave my Canadian University for a few hours and address a Greek letter convention in the city of Syracuse, in the neighboring state of New York.

The compliment appeared ironical, because I am the least and last of all Greek-letter members, and am not worthy to be called a member, inasmuch as I am but a novice lately initiated; and because for more than forty years I knew little and thought less of these societies; and because in my own undergraduate days when, if ever, I should have profited by these ties, I belonged to an university, the University of Oxford, in which we possessed, no, not one of these American notions. We had a vague idea, indeed, if I recollect aright, that all secret societies were com-

posed of Irish Fenians, Sicilian brigands, and Chinese Boxers; while so far as the American universities were concerned, to tell the brutal truth, we had not so much as heard that there were Greek-letter societies.

It was with perturbation of soul, then, that I received the summons, and on the receipt of it caught up my hat and hurried from our University Tower into our University Park to collect my thoughts and cool my head. And there I became yet more disconsolate; for as I stood amid that moving scene, and watched the different class societies of our university, and the students of its different faculties, marching in serried array, with be ribboned flaring clubs and bedizened blaring horns, with cat calls and with megaphones, to the football field; as I beheld, here the bicyclists scorching on the track, and there the sophomores storming with successful valor the kopjes wherefrom floated the green flag of our freshmen, and exploding the wind-bag of their youthful conceit and fancied prowess; as I beheld all this I realized once again that this is the age of societies and organizations, of celebrations and of functions. More apprehensively than ever I remembered that I myself, a relic of the bygone age of individualism, a fossil remnant of the recluse whose timid souls shrank from all pomp and pageantry, from conventions of every kind and ceremonials, was myself to appear in a few days before a great society, and take part in an august ceremonial.

The thought unnerved me, and I sank upon a convenient rustic bench. And then—every Canadian will recollect how warm was the weather in early October—then somehow I became oblivious of my surrounding. The shouting of the “rooters” died away from out my ears, the puncturing of tire and tyro faded from my eyes, and I was back in the only society where I seem to be at home; the society of ancient Athens. A little while and even the strong scent of jockey-club from a bicycling couple on the adjoining bench gave place to a faint and sad and subtle fragrance of asphodel and of ambrosia and what the gods call “moly”; and I saw at my side a figure clothed neither in the padded canvas of my Canadian football students, nor yet in the rusty black of my respected colleagues, but in the graceful and rich himation, which I recognized for Plato’s.

And then all was easy, and I knew what to do; I would get advice from him.

“I am a professor of Greek,” I said, “and I am going to address a Greek letter society in the city of Syracuse, and I don’t know what to say. Tell me.”

"I practiced Greek myself," he began slowly, "and I did not profess it much, and I used to be the leader of most of the societies for promoting Greek letters in my day, but"—and he seemed to blush a little—"I did not exactly succeed as a lecturer when I tried Syracuse."

I hastened to the rescue. "Oh, but this," I cried, "is not the same Syracuse, quite; this is in Atlantis."

"In Atlantis?" he said, scornfully; "there are no Greeks in Atlantis; what Greek would live beyond the cold Atlantic?"

"A Greek letter society," I humbly explained, "not a Greek society."

"They speak Greek, you mean," he answered, a little mollified, "but are not Greek born."

"They don't speak it all the time, not all of them, not yet," I stammered.

"Why not?" he asked, sharply, "they can't speak better."

"No, they can't speak quite so well," I admitted, "but they have named their society with two Greek letters by way of a beginning and some of them have even tried to read your Apology."

"These people, I misdoubt," he said, severely, "honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

I thought it best to turn the subject for a moment. "I am glad Plato," I said, "that you have learned to quote the only work worth quoting which **has** appeared since your own little book. But, believe me," I continued, "Syracuse is more Greek than you suppose. You would be disappointed, no doubt, at first, to find few traces of Greek except in the so called 'sophomores'—a beautiful Greek relic is that name—but when you look beneath at the spirit, not the letter, of these societies, you will find some Greek spirit as well as many Greek letters; some attempt to conserve something of the spirit of Greek moderation; to strike a happy mean between the spirit of sophists and philosophers who rule universities, the academic spirit as we call it, and the spirit of the natural man, the man in the street, who makes up the majority of those frequenting them. Now our universities, Plato," I continued, "do a very good work; they make men independent-minded, not afraid to think alone and to stand alone, if they think alone; not afraid of unpopularity, ready to fight if occasion call 'for lost causes and for impossible loyalties,' even for the lost cause of Greek, for example, in education, and the impossible loyalty of the dead languages; nay ready, perhaps, in more serious things even, to plead with their own countrymen

the cause of the enemy, if they really and reluctantly feel it to be just.

"But it has its besetting temptations, like every other virtue, this academic spirit; these academic sophists who rule universities and make the academic spirit, too soft hearted some of them to understand the work-a-day competitive world; or like a morbidly anxious mother, too ambitious for her children's perfection, so sensitive to each defect in their countrymen as to magnify each foible which healthier minds ignore; too cold blooded others by long solitude to retain natural affection; too captious some of them by ingrained habits of criticism to abstain from finding fault with all about them; too deeply soured others by personal disappointments to judge aright the broader questions of public life and public men; whatever be the cause, and there are many causes, these academic sophists are apt to pour cold water on their countrymen's enthusiasms; to damp their fellows' ardor; to distrust their country's cause; to follow with fretful criticism and in a grudging spirit its prosperity; nay, sometimes even to counsel submission to their country's enemy, and give away to him what is not theirs to give, the prospects and the heritage of their children, and call it 'magnanimity.'

"I was a little Athenian myself," interrupted Plato softly.

I had always feared as much, but I thought it better not to hear, and I continued: "Nay, sometimes even to call themselves by the high-sounding name of Cosmopolitan, when the truer title would have been 'the friends of every land except their own.' And so the great public outside the academic walls, resenting this academic criticism and these academic scruples, goes to the opposite extreme. 'My country right or wrong,' it cries; but at least it retains that healthy, natural instinct which leads a man to believe his country right, until he knows it wrong; to believe it wrong, if he comes to that conclusion, only with infinite reluctance, with measureless regret, upon the plainest evidence; that healthy natural instinct which leads a man to turn with pride and consolation, as the great Pericles used to say, from his private disappointments and his private cares to his country's triumph and expansion; to welcome with a keener relish, amid his personal bereavement, his country's festivals and anniversaries.

"And between these extremes—the academic temper and the popular—who mediates? Who else should mediate but the generous youth of universities, blessed with all the ardor and all the

generosity of youth? all the ardor to learn and follow Truth at every cost, wherever it may lead, however rough the road, however sad the goal; and all the generosity which believes in its native land and in its country's cause; which loves with a warm and an undoubting love the fellow-countrymen whom it has seen, before professing to love the foreigners it has not.

"These are the natural mediators between the academic and the human, between gown and town; and of these mediators not the least important are these Greek-letter societies; these societies which preserve for the student something of the social life of ancient Greece, which redeem the student from the secretiveness, the reserve, the fastidiousness, the unsympathetic and the carping criticism which the academic atmosphere develops; which keeps him sound-hearted, wholesome and still human. For the very nature of our universities, with their necessary examinations, sometimes calls to the front, brings into prominence, the man who lacks natural interests, who is lukewarm, apathetic, passive, colorless, who submits himself to the lecturer's notebook, as the subject to the surgeon's knife, without spontaneity; like an empty vessel to be filled up from the university hydrant in the shortest space of time and with the least interruption and disturbance from the streams issuing from other and competing hydrants. The very nature of our universities brings such one-sided men to the front, because they take the university ply more readily; and it increases their one-sidedness. They were secretive, morbid, solitary, critical to begin with; it makes them more solitary and more unsympathetic than before.

"But the Greek-letter societies among others pour another stream into all vessels capable of receiving it, the stream of natural interests, of youthful pleasures and youthful ambitions, the stream of the milk of human kindness; and even some of the ancient follies and ancient rebellions of youth will seem to you less foolish when you see that some of them are prompted by nothing worse than camaraderie and good-fellowship. And especially is this good work done by those Greek-letter societies which have made light of the foolish secrecy of the original organizations; which have made little of the mere number of their adherents and of their geographical expansion; but which have made much of the even balance and conservatism of their ideals; which have not neglected the academic temper because they temper it; which have not become mere clubs of amateur and therefore second-rate athletes, because they love athletics; which have tried to conserve all that is sound in the academic life, the

spirit of scholarship and truth-seeking, the spirit too, not less essential, of discipline and order and hard work, while adding thereto the other and the popular spirit of manly, youthful interests and good fellowship; which have cultivated equally the love of law and the law of love; which have preserved upon the faces of their votaries alike the native hue of resolution and the pale cast of thought; in a word, which have striven to reach the ultimate ideal, the ideal of the greatest of Athenian statesmen in his greatest speech, and to say with him "we are all scholars here, yet have not thereby ceased from being men."

Now all this time I had not forgotten Plato: I had watched him closely and he had seemed to me to nod his head gently at intervals as if in approbation of the more stirring passages of my eloquence, but now I heard a sound which made me feel uneasy, and I touched him and said, Are you satisfied now, Plato?" "Satisfied with what?" he murmured; "your voice is very raucous and Cimmerian; your language is deplorably barbarian and un-Hellenic; I heard you quoting Pericles and I closed my ears and eyes; you ought to have remembered that I dissent from him. But what I want to know about these young gentlemen of your Greek-letter societies is just this, do they even know their Greek alphabet?"

I seized the opportunity presented. "Know their Greek alphabet!" I cried exultantly, "they know nothing better, they know nothing half so well; it is ever on their lips; it was never so loudly welcomed even in Attica itself; they sing it in their songs, especially the two letters"—

But just then there came upon my lips another chestnut, an alien chestnut from the tree above, and broke my spectacles, and ended my dream and banished Plato; and I awoke and found myself alone upon the bench in the park, with the shades of evening closing round me.—*The Canadian Magazine.*

